



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

April 26, 1993

COUNCILLOR WALSH

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In City Council April 26, 1993.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

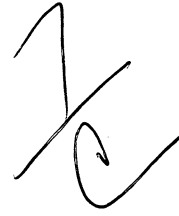
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ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury

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City Clerk



April 15, 1993

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April 8, 1993

Alan Beggelman
825 Concord Turnpike
Arlington, MA
02174

Mr. William Walsh
City Councillor
City Hall
Cambridge, MA
02139

Dear Councillor Walsh,

I received your letter and gladly furnish you with the information that you requested.

This health care issue is very important to me and a lot of other workers. I speak to a lot of people and ask about their health care coverages. Most of the information that I have gotten is from Doctors that I know.

Last week I was speaking to a woman that I know. This is her story. She has been seeing an allergist monthly since she was six (now twenty-five) she now has HMO Blue. This Doctor is listed as a primary care physician and she has him, as her primary care physician. She has received notice from HMO Blue that she will have to find a new primary care physician their explanation is she uses the Doctor to much.

This is what we have to look forward to.

I have received a letter from the Personnel Director, Mr. Gardner, he has requested that I resubmit questions that I have regarding HMO Blue. He states that he will attempt to answer my questions based on the information available.

I have seen Mr. Gardner speak, and he has a superb ability to speak while saying nothing. I hope that this doesn't happen.

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I am making plans to visit the Boston College Library in the near future. They have a great deal of information on HMD's.

Thanks,



Alan Beggelman

March 25, 1993

Alan Beggelman
325 Concord Tnpe.
Arlington, MA
02174

William Walsh
City Councillor
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Councillor Walsh,

Thank you for writing to the City Manager about the questions I have concerning Cambridges employee health plan. Although I really believe that you will also be ignored.

Something else for your information. Recently I had some time to review the list of mental health care providers listed in the HMO Blue Handbook I received at the personnel office. The list of Mental Health Providers looked very impressive although I have no idea what most of the providers do. They have various letters following their names but I don't have a clue as to what these letters qualify these people to do.

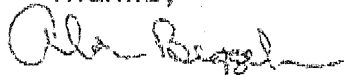
It would be a grand idea to know what schooling these providers had to go through to get all the letters behind their names. Also, a brief experience and background history would be a good idea. That way people would have some idea of who they are dealing with. On page two is the information that I researched.

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total of 1203 mental health providers
total of 198 M.D. psychiatrists
total of 299 Ph. D. psychologists
total of 443 Licensed social workers
total of 42 Psy.D.
total of 88 Ed.D.
total of 6 Sc.D.
total of 5 CAC
total of 2 D.MIN
total of 13 MSW
total of 7 MS, RN
total of 16 RN, CS
total of 2 CS
total of 3 RN
total of 4 Ph.D. LICSW
total of 39 LICSW, MSW
total of 10 LICSW, CAC
total of 5 M. ED.
total of 1 RN, PC
total of 2 MSN, CS
total of 2 M. ED., RN
total of 4 MS
total of 7 MA
total of 1 CAC, CAE
total of 2 LICSW, BCD
total of 1 CAGS, CAC
total of 1 CAC, CRC
total of 3 MA, CAC
total of 1 INTERN
total of 1 RN, CS, PC
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Please see what you can do,

Thanks,



Alan Beggelman



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of 9 members

Margaret Drury
City Clerk

CONSENT ORDER #7

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Councillor Walsh re: Problems that individuals are having with HMO Blue.

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Order Adopted