

Third Parties on the contractual dispute between BCBSMA & Southcoast Health



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Interesting, [@BCBSMA](#) seeks to hold the line on 30% cost increases, and [@southcoasthealth](#) says BCBS #'s are "wrong and misleading" but refused to divulge what Southcoast considers more accurate numbers. [#Credibility?](#)



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"[Some] community hospitals have begun to demand higher commercial reimbursements from insurers. Since many care for a greater percentage of patients covered by Medicaid — and therefore lose money, since Medicaid is notorious for its lower reimbursement rates — they argue that their commercial rates must increase faster to make up the difference. This is a flawed argument...that will force employers to pay ever-higher premiums."



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"I hope that BCBS and Southcoast will come to an agreement. In the meantime, I find it easy to side with BCBS's mantra of controlling costs and difficult to sympathize with Southcoast's attempt to use patients' anxieties as leverage for a better position at the bargaining table."



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This is a clear example of why [#smallbiz](#) of [#mabiz](#) & their employees have 2nd highest premiums in USA: It's about [#BigHealthCare](#) providers with no concern for [#consumers](#). Insurers work for [#consumers](#) not hospitals & must hold the line on reimbursements. [@BCBSMA](#) [@southcoasthealth](#)



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"According to [state] data... the payments to Southcoast Health [by BCBSMA] are largely in line with many other community hospitals."



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BETH AVERY (BCBSMA MEMBER)

"From what I've seen online, it seems they're [Southcoast Health] is blaming everything on the insurance company... I don't really care, I just want to know how they're going to fix it."