

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Alan Spielman
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U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM)
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Dear Mr. Spielman:

We write to inquire about efforts taken by the Office of Personnel Management to improve the stability of the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) and mitigate future premium increases for program participants. In order to avoid premium price shock each time there is a new FLTCIP contract, we must have an understanding of how OPM plans to address these urgent matters going forward. Our constituents cannot afford to wait until the end of the current contract to learn how the program might be altered or that they might face enormous premium increases. They must be able to plan and prepare.

Last November, then OPM Director of Healthcare and Insurance John O'Brien testified at a hearing on FLTCIP before the Subcommittee on Government Operations of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. In his oral testimony, he stated:

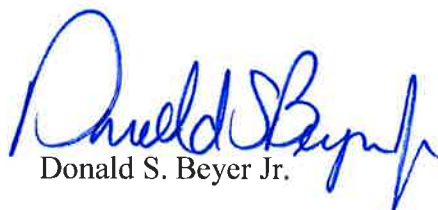
[OPM does] not have a proposal that is ready for being shared with the committee at this time... We would like to evaluate those possibilities and come to this committee and this group with a proposal that we could really play out and we've weighed all the pros and cons, and we have not yet done that.

When asked for a timeline of when that would be accomplished, he responded, "We are continuing to work. I cannot give you a timeline at this time."

We made it clear that those answers were not sufficient and that the Subcommittee would expect a timeline and solutions.

We ask that you update us on the current status of and timeline for proposed solutions for the FLTCIP. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Donald S. Beyer Jr.


Gerald E. Connolly