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New Health Care Rules Will Shine Light on Unreasonable Rate Hikes

Washington, DC - *Statement of U.S. PIRG [Health Care Advocate Larry McNeely](#) on the interim final rule implementing provisions of the Affordable Care Act calling for insurers to justify unreasonable rate increases.*

"With today's new rules, insurers will have to publicly disclose the basis for double digit premium increases, and unjustified rate hikes will get the public scrutiny they deserve.

"For years, consumers and small businesses have been forced to live with year after year of rate increases, amounting to a 131% jump in premiums over the last ten years - especially in the states without strong state-level regulation.

"With the increased transparency called for in today's rules, consumers everywhere in America will have another way to fight back against unjustified health care costs."

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