

Why do families keep paying for insurance exec bonuses?

Health insurance premiums in Illinois have risen over 68 percent in the past 6 years. Meanwhile, insurance profits keep rising, and Illinois families keep paying more.

Health Insurance Company Profits*

	2006	↑	2007
UnitedHealth Group	\$4.2 billion		\$4.7 billion
Wellpoint	\$3.0 billion		\$3.3 billion
Aetna	\$1.7 billion		\$1.8 billion
Humana	\$487 million		\$834 million

*CNN Fortune 500 2007 & 2008 rankings

“Every year our premium soars higher. I have to wonder who is receiving the profits.

Something must be done to help families like ours. We work hard to earn and save our money, but the health insurance game is one we cannot win.”

- Andrea, Aurora

Here in Illinois... Two insurance

execs received **\$26 million in 2008** when they left the parent company of **Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois.**

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Big payouts for Blues execs

\$15.3 million	\$10.6 million
Gail Boudreaux	Ray McCaskey
Executive vice-president	CEO

\$25.9 million in 2008 compensation

→ **3,109**

← Employees whose health coverage could be paid for with \$25.9 million*

* 2008 national average annual health care cost per employee: \$8,331

Source: Hewitt Associates