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In connection with your review of private health care, we wish to object strongly to what amounts to a monopoly for private healthcare companies. We are members of BUPA and have no way of moving to another supplier if BUPA decides to increase the cost of our annual subscription. In any other field (house insurance, car insurance etc.) if the renewal quote is too high, one can shop around. As far as I know, private healthcare is the only form of insurance where this is not possible, as competitors always exclude pre-existing conditions. This means that anyone who has subscribed to the same company and experienced health problems cannot move to another company and be covered for those problems, leaving the supplier in an effective monopoly position.

Please do something to make health care competitive and realistic. Thank you.