Dear [Legislator],

Our request is that state-affiliated nonprofits be permitted to purchase health, dental, and vision through the State. Currently, [78 external organizations](https://dhr.delaware.gov/benefits/groups/documents/benefit-resources.pdf?ver=0406) have access to the State health plan, including union staff, municipalities, nonprofit volunteer fire departments and public-private partnerships.

I urge you to contact Governor Carney asking to allow Delaware nonprofits access to purchase health, dental, and vision with the State. The nonprofit sector is facing severe increases providing health benefits to employees. These are overhead costs that most philanthropic dollars do not fund, on top of escalating operating costs due to inflation, increased demand for services, and workforce shortages. The State can help the sector face these challenges by allowing more nonprofits with financial relationships with the State to purchase in the State’s pool.

A small investment from the State can show that they value the work of its nonprofit partners and lead to tangible and sustainable opportunities for the sector and the state:

* A likely reduction in healthcare costs for nonprofit organizations
* Extending comprehensive and richer benefits to nonprofit employees.
* State plans experience more stable cost increases year over year, while nonprofits can face cost increases of 40% or more in a single year.
* Cost increases to the State plan are also transparent, due to the State Employee Benefits Commission oversight, which offer nonprofit organizations sufficient notice of changes.

Thank you for the consideration of our request!