I am concerned about the privatizing of Medicaid for Iowa. I would ask that the state slow down. It would be good for everyone to see the report showing how much money the state would save in this move. With the formula used to calculate the states part of the Medicaid bill, I don't understand how Medicaid costs will be cut by privatization.

I am concerned that that some of the insurance companies selected have been making settlements/lawsuits fraud or mismanagement. They don't sound like the best choices.

If there were more time we could learn from other states who have done this. Have their costs declined? I understand from other states that it is important to have a person to help about every 3000 Medicaid people & have an dependent party oversee the program. I think Iowa is planning 1 person to help all Medicaid people & is planning for DHS to manage the Medicaid program and ensure the quality. Quality may be compromised that way.

Please go slow & give Iowa a quality program that will be good for all Iowans.

Thank you, Diane Lewis