



Commissioner Koller continued, “However, as I have repeatedly said, health insurance continues to be expensive—too expensive—because the underlying cost of health care itself is expensive. Given this, my office is dedicated to continuing to work to address these underlying costs in collaboration with consumers, employers, government officials, insurers, and providers by promoting systemic reforms that have been demonstrated to reduce the price of services and rates of utilization. A sustained commitment to this work by all involved stakeholders is absolutely necessary to slow the growth in health care costs to a rate that will result in more affordable health insurance over the long-term.”

For more information on the details of Tufts’ submission, please visit [www.ohic.ri.gov](http://www.ohic.ri.gov).

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### **About the State of Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner**

The State of Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) was established by legislation in 2004 to broaden the accountability of health insurers operating in the Rhode Island. Under this legislation, OHIC is dedicated to:

1. Protecting consumers
2. Guarding the solvency of health insurers
3. Encouraging the fair treatment of health care providers
4. Improving the health care system as a whole

OHIC sets and enforces standards for health insurers in each of these four areas.