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Insurance oligarch UnitedHealth Group's (UHG's) challenging year

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From the Editor: 2024 proved to be a challenging year for insurance oligarch UnitedHealth Group (UHG). This year-end issue provides links to several UHG-related articles that were summarized in **TMR**. Click the headline for the full article. Click [here](#) to subscribe to **TMR**.



['We share some of the responsibility,' United-Health CEO writes](#), by Lauren Berryman, Modern Healthcare, 12/13/24

TMR Topline – In a New York Times opinion article, UnitedHealth Group CEO Andrew Witty spoke out about UnitedHealth CEO Brian [Thompson's killing](#) that triggered [public outrage](#) against health insurance companies. He wrote “We know the health system does not work as well as it should, and we understand people’s frustrations with it,” adding “We understand and share the desire to build a healthcare system that works better for everyone. That is the purpose of our organization.”

TMR's Take: Witty's mea culpa rings hollow to **TMR** after the company left the protected health information of over 100 million Americans vulnerable to cyberattack following its October 2022 acquisition of Change Healthcare. The UHG oligopoly prioritized profit over patients, a tale as old as time: “For-profit entities operate to benefit their stockholders/partners. Not-for-profit enterprises operate to benefit their stakeholders and communities.”

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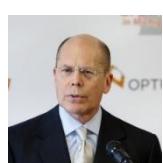
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[100M hit by Change Healthcare breach](#), by Lauren Berryman, Modern Healthcare, 10/23/24



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[Report: UnitedHealth Group tops list of Medicare Advantage insurers receiving billions in questionable payments](#), by Christopher Snowbeck, Minnesota Star Tribune, 10/25/24



[Change Healthcare lacked safeguards even as it gave security advice](#), by Gopal Ratnam, Roll Call, 5/7/24

TMR's Take: Earlier this year, **TMR** nominated UHG CEO Andrew Witty for the Lown Institute's 2024 [Shkreli Awards](#), given each year to perpetrators of the ten most egregious examples of profiteering and dysfunction in health care. Winners will be announced January 7th.



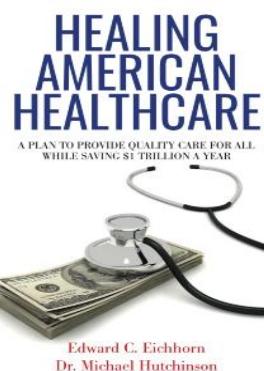
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