

Pharmaceutical and Health Insurance Companies Are Pulling in Huge Profits

Pharmaceutical manufacturers made up the second most profitable U.S. industry in 2006, with profits of 19.6 percent, compared with 6.3 percent for all Fortune 500 companies. Drug makers were the most profitable industry in 1995-2002, third in 2003 and fifth in 2005.

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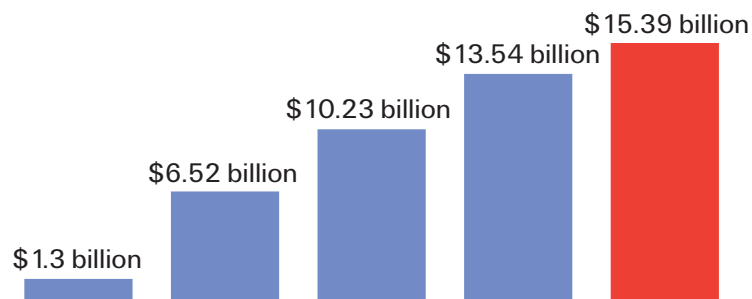
You might think insurance companies would lose money as employer-based coverage drops. Wrong! Insurance companies have used their lobbying power to build themselves into public programs, such as Medicare Advantage.

All in all, the insurance industry nailed more than \$15 billion in 2006 profits—a 1,084 percent increase in five years.

Insurance Industry's Feeling GREAT!

INSURANCE INDUSTRY PROFITS

2002–2006



Profits of the 18 health insurance companies that make up the Corporate Library's health insurance industry classification, based on an AFL-CIO review of corporate 10-Ks.