

The Honorable Shelley C Chapman

My name is Norman Purdy and I am 77. I retired from Peabody Coal Company in 1994. At that time, the Contract from Peabody Coal Company stated that if we retired by Sept. 1994; we would have a guaranteed health plan for the rest of our life as long as you were old enough to retire and had enough years with Peabody. I was 59 years old & had 40 years with Peabody, therefore I qualified for the insurance.

I retired from Peabody Coal Company, not Patriot. The guarantee was made by Peabody too. Peabody switched our insurance over to Patriot.

I have numerous medical problems & being without insurance coverage (that was guaranteed by Peabody) would be a financial hardship for me.

My medical conditions are  
as follows:

Shoulder Surgery: major rotator  
cuff tear

Neurological problems with  
my neck & left arm.

Neurological problems with  
hip & legs.

Blood pressure, thyroid  
anemia, ulcers, gastro-intestinal  
problems, & cholesterol problems.

I take medications & shots for  
the above problems.

If I had to pay for  
all the medical procedures &  
medicines, it would be a  
financial hardship.

I feel Peabody should  
not be able to back out of  
a guaranteed contract even if  
they did switch us over to  
Patriot. One of them should be  
liable for our insurance coverage.

Sincerely,

Norman Ray Purdy

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