

# Health Care Update

Dear Neighbor,

As required by the Federal Affordable Healthcare Act, Connecticut has created its own Healthcare Exchange called Access Health CT. Enrollment began on October 1st. Our website ([www.accesshealthct.com](http://www.accesshealthct.com)), unlike the federal one, has been running problem free since its inception and provides a useful alternative to the federal process. This mailer provides additional information on the State Exchange. There are important new facts of which everyone should be aware.

- By signing up before December 15 you will be covered started January 1, 2014.
- The marketplace is not just for the uninsured. Anyone can shop for name-brand health insurance on Access Health CT's website if they do not already have affordable health care coverage.
- If you have a pre-existing condition that previously prevented you from getting coverage, you now can get coverage through the Exchange.

If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Sincerely,



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### **WHAT IS ACCESS HEALTH CT?**

Access Health CT is Connecticut's new health insurance marketplace/health care exchange. It offers individuals, families, and small employers a range of qualified health care coverage options from health insurance carriers. Access Health CT is the only place in Connecticut where people and small businesses can get help with their health insurance costs.

### **WHEN CAN I ENROLL IN ACCESS HEALTH CT?**

The first open enrollment period began on October 1, 2013 and ends March 31, 2014. Like other insurance programs, there will be an annual open enrollment period going forward. Existing users will be notified of the open enrollment period each year.

### **WILL THIS REALLY BE AFFORDABLE COVERAGE?**

Access Health CT will make quality health insurance plans available at the lowest possible cost. Competition between insurance companies in this new marketplace will help keep costs down. Also, many people will qualify for assistance or may qualify for public health care programs at low or no cost.

### **HOW DO I FIND A PLAN, APPLY & ENROLL THROUGH ACCESS HEALTH CT?**

The quickest way to get information is to use the website [www.accesshealthct.com](http://www.accesshealthct.com), where you can see if you qualify for assistance or certain public health care programs, compare available health plans, and complete a single application that may be used to apply for any plan or program. You may also apply over the phone at **1-855-805-4325** Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (multiple languages offered). You can also apply through free insurance brokers and local community partners who have been trained and certified by Access Health CT.

### **CAN ANYONE USE ACCESS HEALTH CT?**

Access Health CT was created to make health care coverage accessible to all Connecticut residents who do not already have access to affordable health care coverage through another source. While not everyone will be able to get assistance to pay for health insurance through Access Health CT, anyone can use the health insurance marketplace to find and enroll in a plan or certain public health care programs.

**FOR MORE FACTS ABOUT THE HEALTH CARE LAWS TAKE THIS QUIZ:**  
[learn.accesshealthct.com/mythfactquiz/](http://learn.accesshealthct.com/mythfactquiz/)

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