

# SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE RECOVERY



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Dear Neighbor,

With the pandemic at the forefront of our lives during the 2021 Legislative Session, one of our priorities this year was to deliver legislation that ensures all Connecticut residents have affordable, quality healthcare—now more than ever. While the fight to ensure access to healthcare as a human right continues, the measures we passed this session will help bring insurance costs down for many and provide coverage to even more Connecticut residents. These measures aim to encourage people to seek medical care and services as soon as they are needed.

Please let me know your thoughts on the steps we took this session on healthcare and what you would like to see us consider next year.

Sincerely,

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# A HEALTHIER CONNECTICUT

HEALTHCARE UPDATE FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANNE HUGHES

## KEEPING CONNECTICUT FAMILIES HEALTHY AND SAFE

- The House approved lower costs and greater access for epi-pens (HB 6587)
- Ensured dental coverage for kids through their parent's plans, up to the age of 26 (SB 1004)
- Set minimum standards for long-term care Insurance (SB 2016)
- Continued coverage for, and access to, telehealth (HB 6470 & PA 21-9)
- Strengthened rights for the hearing and visually impaired community (PA 21-72)
- Fought for better insurance coverage for breast health
- Put community violence prevention programs on a path to sustainable funding and growth in our state – to serve more victims of gun violence and their families
- Expanded prenatal care to every woman in Connecticut, health care for children 8 and under, and coverage for a year of postnatal care (PA 21-176)

## CONTINUING THE FIGHT FOR AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

While our efforts to pass The Connecticut Option fell short this session, I continue to champion affordable healthcare access for all CT residents. We must have lower premiums, deductibles, and out-of-pocket costs to ensure access to preventative and life-saving care and avoid the possibility of medical bankruptcy. Access to a CT administered, nonprofit plan would benefit small businesses in small towns like ours to access our best-in-the-nation low overhead costs, like our state employee health insurance. Although the insurance lobby strongly opposes this while proposing double-digit rate increases for 2022, I will continue fighting for good affordable access to healthcare throughout the pandemic and beyond. CT can be the healthcare capital of the country: If not now, when?



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