

Dear Neighbor,

One of my long term legislative goals is to increase access to high quality, affordable health care. During the last session, my colleagues and I made great strides toward this goal, but there is still more work to be done.

Access to health care is important to all of us. I wanted to share some valuable health care resources with you. If you are uninsured, you may qualify for a service or program listed in this newsletter. If you have private insurance, but have questions or complaints about your coverage, one of the agencies I have included may be of assistance. I have also listed several offices that provide services to people living in nursing homes or exploring long term care options.

As always, it is a privilege to serve as your State Representative. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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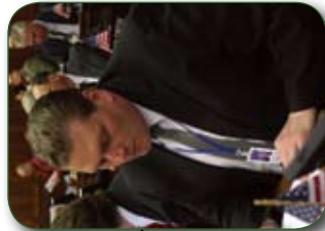


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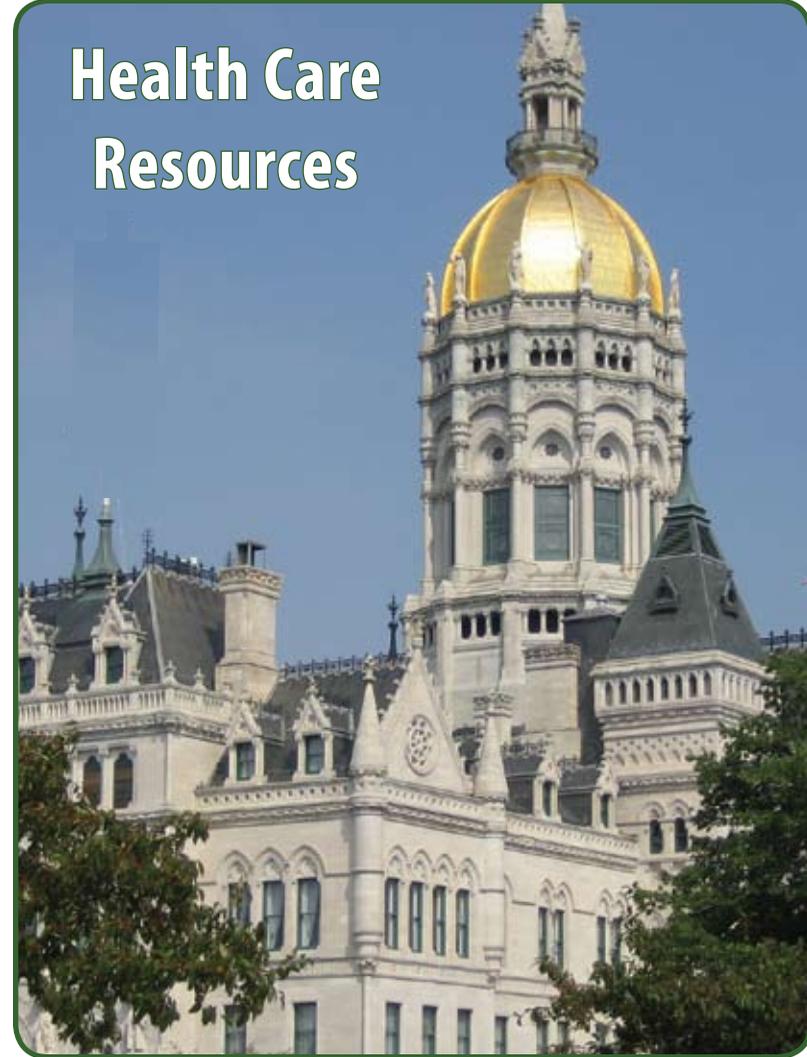
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**Health Care
Resources**



Looking out for the health and well being of your family

State Resources for Health Care Advocacy & Assistance

The **Office of Health Care Access** provides referrals to consumers seeking assistance with hospital bills. Call: 1-800-797-9688 or Visit: www.ct.gov/ohca.



The **Office of the Health Care Advocate** answers questions about managed care plans and assists residents with filing appeals and grievances when claims are denied by their insurers. Call: 1-866-HMO-4446 or Visit: www.ct.gov/oha.

The **Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities** investigates complaints from people with disabilities related to abuse and neglect and provides advocacy services. Call: 860-297-4300 or Visit: www.ct.gov/opapd.

The **Department of Social Services Long Term Care Ombudsman Program** investigates complaints on behalf of nursing home residents and their families. Call: 1-866-388-1888 or Visit: www.ct.gov/ltpop.

The **Connecticut Partnership for Long-Term Care** is a joint program with private insurance companies to assist residents with choosing a long-term care plan. Call: (860) 418-6318 or Visit: www.ct.gov/opm and click on Partnership for Long Term Care.



Health Care Coverage Options:

HUSKY coverage for children and caregivers

1-877-284-8759

State Administered General Assistance: Medical Aid

Dept. of Social Services Hartford Office:

(860) 723-1000

Medicaid (Title 19)

Dept. of Social Services Hartford Office:

(860) 723-1111

Health Reinsurance Association

High Risk Pool • 1-800-842-0004



For Veterans:

Veterans Infoline • 1-877-222-VETS

Long Term Care • State Veterans Home • (860) 721-5877

Veterans Health Center in Newington • (860) 666-6951

Consumer Information
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For Seniors:

CHOICES Program

Health Insurance Options for the Elderly and Disabled

1-800-994-9422

ConnPACE Prescription Drug Program

1-800-423-5026

Home Health Care Assistance

Dept. of Social Services Alternate Care Unit

1-800-445-5394

Medicare • Federal Coverage

East Hartford Social Security Office:

290-5420

Healthy Start

The Healthy Start Program can provide full health coverage for income eligible pregnant women, which will include prescriptions and transportation to medical appointments. There are no premiums, co-pays or deductibles for any Healthy Start covered service. Apply for Healthy Start at DSS regional offices and suboffices, or at community sites authorized to accept applications. Community sites offer case management for the pregnant woman and for children ages 0 through 2; DSS sites do not. Eligibility:

- Pregnant and postpartum women.
- Connecticut resident.
- U.S. citizen, asylee, refugee, or legal resident.; women with other types of visas (student, tourist, work visas) are not eligible.
- Income at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level. Certain employment and child care expenses can be used to reduce applied income; pregnant woman is counted as two family members when calculating income eligibility.
- No asset limit.

