Healthcare Reform

President Barack Obama has put healthcare reform at the top of the national agenda. Connecticut should too. We're fighting for it – *and you* – again.

This spring, the House passed legislation creating the Connecticut Healthcare Partnership and the SustiNet plan.

The time for reform is now. The Connecticut Healthcare Partnership will reduce healthcare costs and increase access to quality healthcare for Connecticut families and small businesses. The SustiNet plan will provide long-term planning and prepare Connecticut for Obama's federal reforms.

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Reforming Healthcare: *The CT Healthcare Partnership & SustiNet*

Access, Savings

The Healthcare Partnership will:

+ Save money for our cities, towns, and the state
+ Provide relief for small businesses and non-profits
+ Expand access to high quality, affordable healthcare for individuals and families

What the Experts Say

David Osborne, a nationally recognized expert in budgeting and improving government performance, argues that because state governments are such large players in the healthcare marketplace they can get better care at better prices by creating large statewide healthcare purchasing pools and including both public and private employers.

Healthcare Reform Now

The SustiNet plan–

Comprehensive healthcare reform in Connecticut is long overdue. The SustiNet plan lays out a detailed framework for expanding high quality health care coverage to more residents, while containing costs, and promoting preventive care. This landmark legislation will lay the groundwork for federal healthcare reform and set an example for healthcare initiatives nationwide.

Overview

The Partnership would open the state employee health plan to municipalities, non-profits, and small employers on a completely **voluntary basis**. This would streamline the current system of healthcare purchasing and allow greater access to a bulk purchasing pool which can reduce costs for everyone.

Self-Insurance Saves Money

A key feature of this year's Connecticut Healthcare Partnership bill is that the state employee health plan will switch from fully insured to self-insured – resulting in immediate savings to the state. Most large employers self-insure because it costs less. A self-insured plan will allow the state to realize long-term savings by directly managing the medical claims and health service utilization.

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