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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE **AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

Dear Neighbor,

As many of you know, the passage of the Federal Affordable Care Act in 2010 is creating changes in health insurance systems across the country and making health insurance more accessible and affordable for millions of Americans. With this mailer, I want to make sure that you have the facts you need about Connecticut's health insurance exchange, called Access Health CT.

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

Sincerely, *Hilda E. Santiago*

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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 market-place will help keep costs down. Also, many people will qualify for discounts, or may qualify for public health care programs at low or no cost.

WHEN CAN I ENROLL IN COVERAGE THROUGH ACCESS HEALTH CT?

The first open enrollment period began 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 every year.

- Open enrollment will last until Mar 31, but will operate on a rolling basis.
- **After March 31, 2014 you have to wait until October 15, 2014, to enroll,** unless you have a qualifying life event (i.e. job loss, divorce).
- More info on this: <http://1.usa.gov/16KZeuj>

WHERE DO I SIGN UP?

Go on the website (www.accesshealthct.com) to get more info or begin the enrollment process, call Access Health CT to compare the plans, or speak with someone knowledgeable of the plans to find out if you qualify for a tax credit.

If you want to speak to someone face to face (or if you have a more complicated situation, for example if you are buying insurance for your small business) the call center reps will refer you to one of hundreds of specially-trained brokers and community organizations.

(1-855-805-HEALTH) (1-855-805-4325)

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/AccessHealthCT

Twitter: [@accesshealthct](https://twitter.com/accesshealthct)

Youtube: www.youtube.com/user/AccessHealthCT

IN-PERSON ASSISTANCE

The website now includes a list of navigators and in-person assisters, who are staffers of community-based organizations trained to assist with enrollment. To find a list of those located in your town, visit: <http://bit.ly/17UdMpl>

Access Health CT has set up storefront locations in New Haven and New Britain and will be doing mobile enrollment fairs at locations around the state.

For more facts about the health care laws take this quiz:

<http://learn.accesshealthct.com/mythfactquiz/>

To find out how much you can save, check out their calculator:

<http://learn.accesshealthct.com/how-to-save/>