



Connecticut's Official Health Insurance Marketplace

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CONNECTICUT IS THE FIRST STATE TO SURPASS GOAL FOR AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ENROLLEES
Access Health CT exceeds projection set by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Hartford, Conn. – Earlier this year, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) predicted that seven million Americans would enroll in health care coverage under the Affordable Care Act. To meet that national goal, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) set enrollment projections for each state. With three months remaining in the open enrollment period, Connecticut is the first state to surpass the projection set by CMS.

“CMS projected that Connecticut would enroll a total of 33,000 consumers by the end of the enrollment period. As of December 23, there were 34,295 Connecticut consumers enrolled in private plans through Access Health CT,” said Kevin Counihan, CEO of Access Health CT. “This is a tremendous accomplishment; however, our work is far from done. We will continue working to provide even more consumers with access to quality, affordable health care coverage through the duration of open enrollment.”

According to *The Hill*, a Washington, D.C. news publication, Connecticut is the first state to have reached and surpassed the enrollment projection.

“Connecticut is leading the nation in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act thanks to Access Health CT,” said Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman, co-chair of the Access Health CT board. “Many people have worked very hard to make this a reality, and my thanks go out to the entire team that’s working to expand access to quality, affordable health care coverage for Connecticut residents.”

Open enrollment continues until March 31, 2014. Consumers can compare plans and shop for coverage online at www.accesshealthct.com or call 1-855-805-HEALTH (4325) to speak with an AHCT representative. In-person assistance is available at the AHCT enrollment centers in New Britain and New Haven and from community-based Navigators, Assisters, Brokers and Certified Application Counselors.

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About Access Health CT

Access Health CT (also known as the Exchange) was created by the Connecticut Legislature in 2011 and is a quasi-public agency established to satisfy requirements of the federal Affordable Care Act. Its mission is to increase the number of insured residents in Connecticut, promote health, lower costs and eliminate health disparities. Its vision is to provide a simple online shopping and enrollment experience for state residents and small businesses, starting with open enrollment in October 2013.

Access Health CT will ensure that participating health plans meet certain standards, and will facilitate competition and choice by rating the quality of each plan. Individuals and families buying coverage through the Exchange may qualify for tax credits on premiums. The Exchange will

also coordinate eligibility and enrollment with state Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs. More information is available at www.AccessHealthCT.com