



Connecticut's Official Health Insurance Marketplace

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ACCESS HEALTH CT READY FOR 2015 OPEN ENROLLMENT, A STATEMENT FROM ACTING CEO JIM WADLEIGH

Hartford, Conn. (October 16, 2014) – Access Health CT Acting CEO Jim Wadleigh issued the following statement today:

“At today’s Access Health CT (AHCT) Board Meeting, we provided an update on our efforts to prepare for 2015 open enrollment. Our Marketing and Outreach, Operations, IT, Call Center, Training, and SHOP teams have all been meeting on a weekly basis to coordinate activities and drive progress leading up to the November 15 launch of the 2015 open enrollment cycle.

Renewal toolkits were mailed to all consumers currently enrolled in a qualified health plan (QHP) through AHCT earlier this month detailing the steps required to either auto-renew or select a new plan for 2015. Of our current QHP enrollees, 43,747 are eligible for auto-renewal and will not have to take action during the 2015 open enrollment to maintain their coverage.

We anticipate new membership in 2015 will come from three categories: first, individuals in plans lapsing from grandfathered status in 2014 or leaving the existing individual market; second, individuals who previously qualified for Medicaid but are re-determined as qualifying for a private plan; and lastly, from the remaining uninsured population. Based on research conducted earlier this year, we estimate there are approximately 147,000 uninsured individuals in our state. Research also shows that a zero percent uninsured rate is not a reality, even in industrialized nations with socialized health care. Our goal during the 2015 open enrollment will be to enroll an additional 33,000 previously uninsured individuals.

In the coming weeks, we will be announcing more information about our outreach efforts, including a partnership with the CT Health Foundation and community organizations to reach this uninsured population, and our efforts provide support to enrollees via phone, online tools, and in-person assistance.”

About Access Health CT

Access Health CT (AHCT), Connecticut's official health insurance marketplace, is a quasi-public agency created by the Connecticut legislature in 2011 to satisfy requirements of the federal Affordable Care Act. AHCT's mission is to increase the number of insured residents in Connecticut, promote health, lower costs, and eliminate health disparities. Connecticut residents and small business owners can compare and enroll in health care coverage and apply for tax credits for individuals through AHCT. AHCT (or the Marketplace) also coordinates eligibility and enrollment with state Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs. For more information, please visit www.AccessHealthCT.com, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AccessHealthCT and follow us on Twitter @AccessHealthCT.

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