

ACCESS HEALTH CT CEO RELEASES STATEMENT REMINDING CUSTOMERS OF DECEMBER 15th DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 1st, 2017 COVERAGE

Hartford, Conn. (December 13, 2016) – Today, Access Health CT (AHCT) CEO James Wadleigh released a statement regarding the upcoming deadline for coverage:

“The deadline to have coverage starting the first of the year is this week,” said CEO Wadleigh. “We’re seeing huge numbers of people enrolling – which is amazing. We want people to have coverage, that’s for sure. But what we want most of all is for Connecticut to be healthy. We’re on the right track – we’ve seen over 16,000 people sign up for 2017 coverage since November 1st.”

“With recent ACA headlines being what they are, we know there’s a lot of uncertainty. But I want to make clear – very clear – that the Affordable Care Act is still the law, and Access Health CT is still here for you.”

“That being said, there are only a few days left to sign up to ensure coverage beginning January 1st, 2017. So give us a call, stop in at an enrollment center. Just make sure you know your options and shop for coverage.”

To have coverage beginning January 1st, 2017, customers must purchase a health insurance plan by midnight on December 15th.

“Everyone should also remember that through the exchange, there is financial help available. Whether tax credits or cost sharing – you might be able to pay less for coverage. Make sure to update your application so you don’t miss out on these savings.”

It’s important to update application information so that it accurately reflects current financial and household information. It is recommended that customers do so by the same deadline: midnight on December 15th.

If you enroll <u>by</u> this date:	Your coverage will <u>begin</u> this date:
December 15, 2016	January 1, 2017
January 15, 2017	February 1, 2017
January 31, 2017	March 1, 2017

The following documents are required to enroll in a healthcare plan through AHCT:

- Social Security numbers
- Visa, green card or other immigration documents
- Most recent tax return

- Employer Information including employer sponsored coverage information
- Current insurance coverage

AHCT provides many ways for customers to enroll in healthcare, with options in-person, over the phone, and online. People can find this information in the following ways:

- Online at Learn.AccessHealthCT.com
- By phone at 1-855-805- 4325 | TTY: 1-855-789-2428
- Visit an AHCT Enrollment Center in New Britain or New Haven
- Visit a Community Enrollment Partner in East Hartford, Norwich or Stamford
- Find an Enrollment Specialist (Certified Application Counselor) at one of our community partners including hospitals, health advocacy groups and local community support centers or to find a Certified broker to help select a healthcare plan visit the [Get Help](#) section of our site.

The Access Health CT call center will be open during Open Enrollment Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Customers who enroll in health care coverage will avoid federal tax penalties and may be eligible for financial help. Residents who are not able to provide proof of insurance when filing taxes may have to pay a penalty of \$695, or 2.5% of their household income, whichever is greater

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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 partners with the Dept. of Social Services for eligibility and enrollment with state Medicaid Insurance 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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