

**LT. GOV. WYMAN, ACCESS HEALTH CT CEO JIM WADLEIGH, ANNOUNCE OPEN ENROLLMENT EXTENSION**

*Consumers Have Until December 17, 2016 to Enroll in Healthcare Coverage That Begins on January 1, 2017*

**(Hartford, Conn.)** – Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman, Chair of the Board of Access Health CT (AHCT) and AHCT CEO Jim Wadleigh announced today that the deadline for enrolling in healthcare coverage that begins on January 1, 2017 has been moved from tonight at midnight to Saturday, December 17, 2016 at midnight.

“Our highest priority is ensuring that our residents have healthcare coverage,” said Lt. Governor Wyman. “This extension means more people are covered for January 1<sup>st</sup>, and that means more people have access to the care and treatment they need to live healthy, productive lives.”

“High demand drove the decision to extend the deadlines,” said CEO Wadleigh. “I want to thank our insurance carriers for helping us respond to this demand and the needs of our customers. This gives people the opportunity to understand their options what financial assistance may be available to help lower the costs of the plans or deductibles. Many of our customers qualify for subsidies that dramatically reduce the cost of insurance.”

Over the past seven days (compared to same time last year), AHCT call volume increased 22 percent and web traffic is up 30 percent. In relation to this time in 2015, new customer enrollment for Qualified Health Plans (QHP) is currently trending 12 percent higher than last year. Overall enrollment is up more than 3 percent.

AHCT staff encourages customers to prepare as much as possible before enrolling, including gathering documents and reviewing their options. The following documents or information is needed to enroll in a health insurance plan through AHCT:

- Social security number
- Visa, green card or other immigration documents
- Most recent tax return
- Employer Information including offers of employer sponsored coverage
- Current insurance coverage

AHCT's Call Center and Enrollment Center hours are as follows:

<b>Hours of Operation</b>	<b>AHCT Call Center</b>	<b>Enrollment Centers</b> <b>New Britain (200 Main St.)</b> <b>New Haven (55 Church St.)</b>
Thursday December 15	Open Until Midnight	Open Until Midnight
Friday December 16	8 AM-6 PM	9 AM - 5 PM
Saturday December 17	10 AM - Midnight	9 AM - 3 PM
Sunday December 18	CLOSED	CLOSED

- Call 1-855-805-4325 | TTY: 1-855-789-2428
- Visit [www.AccessHealthCT.com](http://www.AccessHealthCT.com)
- Visit an [Enrollment Center](#) in New Britain or New Haven
- Visit a [Community Enrollment Partner](#) in East Hartford, Norwich or Stamford - Visit [Learn.AccessHealthCT.com/Locations](http://Learn.AccessHealthCT.com/Locations) for hours of operation.

Customers who enroll in healthcare coverage can avoid a potential tax penalty of \$695, or 2.5 percent of their household income and may be eligible for financial help.

### **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. Access Health CT partners with the CT Department of Social Services in HUSKY Health eligibility and enrollment. For more information, please visit [www.AccessHealthCT.com](http://www.AccessHealthCT.com), like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/AccessHealthCT](http://www.facebook.com/AccessHealthCT) and follow us on Twitter @AccessHealthCT

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