



## NOTES OF INTEREST

- Insurance & Real Estate Committee Meetings are being carried on CT-N and via [YouTube](#). Links are provided on the [CGA](#) Calendar Meeting notices
- Access Health CT Board will meet March 17<sup>th</sup>



## Legislative Highlights February 28, 2022

### LEGISLATION

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee met for the first time this legislative session on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, which was also their Raised Bill deadline. Committee co-chair Senator Matt Lesser confirmed that it would be the committee's only meeting to raise bills. All of the concepts included on the agenda were raised.

Several topics of interest include: An Act Concerning Copay Accumulator Programs and High Deductible Health Plans (we believe this is intended to make the necessary language fix to last year's Accumulator public act), An Act Concerning Association Health Plans, and An Act Concerning Association Health Plans. There is currently no language for these bills, as they are just concepts. We will provide an update when we have more information

The Insurance and Real Estate committee currently has three public hearings scheduled: March 1 at 10am, March 10 at 10 am, and March 15 at 10 am.

We are currently tracking five pieces of legislations for the CT Benefit Brokers. New legislation tracked this week include: [SB 62 - An Act Establishing A Tax Credit For Premium Payments For Certain Long-term Care Insurance Policies](#) and [SB 68 - An Act Establishing A Tax Credit For Premium Payments For Certain Long-term Care Insurance Policies](#).

As always, we will be sure to keep you up to date on all issues and bills of interest.

### ADMINISTRATION

Two of the governor' legislative proposals pertaining to health care costs are scheduled to be heard in the Insurance and Real Estate committee this Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>: [HB 5042 - An Act Concerning Health Care Cost Growth](#) And [SB 13 - An Act Reducing Prescription Drug Prices](#).

On Friday, February 25, 2022 Governor Lamont announced that his Budget Director and Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management



would be stepping down from the position. Governor Lamont named OPM Undersecretary Jeff Beckham as head of the agency. More details can be found [here](#).

## ACCESS HEALTH CT

Access Health CT held their monthly Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. The Board provided updates on several items of interest:

### Broker Academy Update:

- 62 individuals have signed up to participate in the Broker Academy, and approximately 20 firms have volunteered to serve as mentors
- Access Health has secured a training vendor for the Academy. The Academy will start in June with a 3 day in person class. The rest of the Academy will be virtual.

### Special Enrollment Period:

- The Special Enrollment Period for the Covered Connecticut Program providing health insurance at no cost to eligible CT residents now runs thru June 30.

### Resources and Meeting Materials:

[Access Health CT BOD February Meeting Presentation](#)

[Open Enrollment 9 Update Document](#)

[Board of Directors Meeting Recording](#)

[Broker Academy website](#)

## KEY INFORMATION RESOURCES:

- **FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT ON COVID-19, INCLUDING GUIDANCE AND OTHER RESOURCES, ALL RESIDENTS IN THE STATE ARE ENCOURAGED TO VISIT [CT.GOV/CORONAVIRUS](https://ct.gov/coronavirus)**
- **CT Insurance Department Bulletins:** <https://portal.ct.gov/CID/Bulletins/Current-List-of-Bulletins>
- **Connecticut Paid Leave Authority website:** [CTPaidLeave.org](https://www.ctpaidleave.org)

## RECENT ARTICLES AND OP-EDS OF NOTE:

**CT News Junkie:** [OP-ED | THE GOVERNOR'S PLAN TO LOWER HEALTHCARE COSTS – WHAT'S IN IT, AND WHAT'S MISSING](#)

**Record Journal:** [EDITORIAL: Helping those without get access to health insurance](#)

**The Greenwich Sentinel:** [Access Health CT Announces Special Enrollment Period](#)

**CT Examiner:** [With Child Health Benefits to Start in 2023, a Push to Extend Husky to All Ages of Undocumented Immigrants](#)

**CT Examiner:** [An Unhealthy Way to Rack Up More State Debt](#)

**NPR (National):** [The 1st public option health plan in the U.S. struggles to gain traction](#)

**Hartford Courant:** [Connecticut lawmakers unveil comprehensive legislative effort to invest 'in children's mental health'](#)



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