



NOTES OF INTEREST

- Both chambers of the legislature will begin to meet to vote on legislation starting in early April. The House and Senate sessions can both be streamed live on CT-N.com
- Access Health CT Board meeting scheduled for March 17th was canceled.
- Access Health CT Board will meet next April 21, 2022



Legislative Highlights March 28, 2022

LEGISLATION

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee met on Tuesday, March 22nd to refer bills out of committee ahead of their JF deadline which was Thursday, March 24th. Any bills that were not referred out of the Insurance committee are now dead. Unless the Insurance and Real Estate Committee receives bill referrals, the work of the committee is done for this session. Of course, all bill language can be resurrected through the amendment process on either floor of the chamber. We will continue to carefully monitor all legislation and amendments for language of interest.

Connecticut Benefit Brokers Bills Status:

[SB 357 - An Act Concerning Copay Accumulator Programs And High Deductible Health Plans](#), which the CT Benefit Brokers submitted public hearing testimony in [support](#) of, was referred out of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. It will now go to the Senate. [HB 5383 An Act Concerning Association Health Plans](#), which the CT Benefit Brokers also submitted public hearing testimony in [support](#) of, was not referred out of committee and is now dead. Finally, [HB 5410 An Act Concerning High Deductible Health Plans](#), which CBB submitted testimony in [opposition](#) to is now dead.

Other CBB tracked bills that were not referred out of the Insurance and Real Estate committee and are now dead include:

- [SB 409-An Act Concerning Long-Term Care Insurance](#)
- [SB 362- An Act Concerning The Board Of Directors Of The Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange](#)
- [SB 356- An Act Requiring The Insurance Commissioner To Consider Affordability As A Factor In Reviewing Individual And Group Health Insurance Policy Premium Rate Filings](#)

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

ADMINISTRATION

All three of the governor's legislative proposals pertaining to health care costs were referred out of the Insurance and Real Estate



committee at the beginning of March: [S.B. No. 13](#) An Act Reducing Prescription Drug Prices (with [substitute language](#)), [S.B. No. 15](#) An Act Encouraging Primary And Preventive Care (with [substitute language](#)), and [H.B. No. 5042](#) An Act Concerning Health Care Cost Growth. No action has been taken on these bills since that time and the governor has not spoken publicly on them either.

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**
- **CT Insurance Department Bulletins:** <https://portal.ct.gov/CID/Bulletins/Current-List-of-Bulletins>
- **Connecticut Paid Leave Authority website:** CTPaidLeave.org

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