

## HOW WE GET THERE

To get there and do it right, the new proposal will be established over time

- The new proposal will be phased in over a six year period
- We will begin with building the proper infrastructure
- The new proposal will be funded in a fair manner that shares responsibility among all of the stakeholders and is sustainable for the state's economy
- As the new proposal is developed, individuals and businesses will be able to join

In the end, the new proposal will provide high quality care and save money for households and businesses

**Connecticut is leading the way to the health care we need.**

**It's smart. It's right. It's time.**

*for more information on*

*Health Care Connecticut Can Count On*

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- tell my own health care story
- write a letter to the newspaper
- talk with candidates running for office
- join with other people in my town working for healthcare4every1
- reach out to others at my job and in my community
- host a house party with my friends and neighbors
- other:

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# HEALTH CARE CONNECTICUT CAN COUNT ON



*2009 offers a historic opportunity  
to solve Connecticut's health care crisis  
and lead the way for the nation*

## Each of us deserves health care that:

- Keeps us healthy and takes care of us when we're sick
- Offers quality health care choices for us all
- Gives us more for our money
- Delivers peace of mind

# Connecticut can have health care for everyone that:

## KEEPS US HEALTHY AND TAKES CARE OF US WHEN WE'RE SICK

Connecticut can have a smart, modern health care system that leads the way to efficient, high quality health care that works for everyone

It starts with making sure that every person has a health care "home" – the 21<sup>st</sup> Century version of a family doctor

- Every Connecticut resident will have a regular source of care from a health care professional who knows their history, coordinates their overall care, gets them the tools to manage any chronic health issues and ensures the best care for them

It invests in a secure, sophisticated electronic medical record system that:

- Will allow health care professionals, hospitals and health centers access to timely, up-to-date individual patient care records in order to provide appropriate care and prevent medical mistakes, duplication of services and prescription drug mix ups
- Will empower individuals to make more informed decisions about their own health care in consultation with their health care professional

It achieves a smart, modern health care system that emphasizes preventative care, which achieves better health overall and works to eliminate non-urgent emergency room care and preventable hospital stays

## OFFERS QUALITY HEALTH CARE CHOICES FOR US ALL

Connecticut can provide individuals, families and businesses access to a quality, affordable health care choice

- Individuals, families and businesses that are satisfied with their current health care plan can keep that plan
- As Connecticut's new plan rolls out, individuals, families and businesses will have the choice to buy into a quality, affordable plan

The new proposal is built on the current, successful health care pool that covers Connecticut's governor, legislators, state employees and retirees

- It offers access to a broad choice of health care professionals across the state
- It provides comprehensive benefits including check-ups, treatment of chronic health care issues, prescription coverage and dental and mental health care

The benefits of an existing, large pool of individuals and families would extend to more residents and businesses

- The new plan would eventually expand to incorporate all of the state's publicly-funded programs, as well as individuals and businesses who choose to buy in
- As the pool expands, so does the bargaining power of the new plan

The new proposal for Connecticut achieves high quality care for more people, eliminates disparities and barriers to care, encourages better health and saves money for the entire health care system

## GIVES US MORE FOR OUR MONEY

Connecticut can offer its residents a quality, affordable health care plan that will save money for individuals, families and businesses in the long run

The new proposal will bring predictability and clarity to individuals and businesses as they consider their health care coverage options

- Premiums will be affordable to individuals and families based on income
- Businesses will be able to count on more reliable costs over time

In the face of spiraling health care costs and decreasing coverage, the new proposal provides more affordable options for individuals, families and businesses

- Those left out of the current system will have the opportunity to access care
- Those with "cut-rate" health care plans will have an opportunity to escape high deductibles, rising co-pays and inadequate coverage

A more transparent, open health system will offer better value

- An independent information clearinghouse will provide the public with data on quality of care, health trends, provider and hospital performance and how our money has been spent
- An accountable oversight body will manage the plan to ensure that it works best to keep us healthy

The new proposal achieves a more affordable and accountable health care pool by negotiating the best deals with health care providers and prescription companies and it creates an incentive for the private health insurance market to adopt improvements in cost, health and coverage that benefit us all

## PEACE OF MIND

Connecticut can have a health care plan that eliminates the worry that individuals, families and businesses face everyday

The new proposal provides an option for quality, affordable health care that:

- Stays with each of us regardless of employment or family situation
- Ends exclusions for pre-existing conditions
- Protects us from big deductibles or co-pays
- Shields us from financial ruin due to medical debt
- Guarantees the treatment you need when you need it

The result: a Connecticut plan that achieves quality, affordable health care for everyone and addresses the most pressing household concern facing families throughout the state