



Connecticut's Health Insurance Marketplace

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Access Health CT Partners With Connecticut Chamber of Commerce Leadership Cabinet and Chamber Insurance Trust

Partners Will Educate Their Membership about the New Health Exchange

HARTFORD, CT, June 5, 2013—Access Health CT is pleased to announced that they have engaged the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce Leadership Cabinet along with the Chamber Insurance Trust to help educate their membership about the new health insurance exchange launching in October of this year.

This partnership will look to ensure that the new benefits available to small businesses under the Affordable Care Act reach the Chambers' broad membership base, and allow them opportunities and forums to evaluate coverage options and enroll. Access Health CT is one of the few state exchanges to launch Small Employer Health Options Plans (SHOP), which will offer a variety of health insurance options to small businesses and their employees. SHOP will enable small employers to offer plans from multiple insurers to their employees and receive a single bill.

Access Health CT will actively work with insurance brokers across the state to ensure they are trained and supported as they work with the Chamber's members as well as other interested small businesses.

Chamber member brokers are being trained in all aspects of the new marketplace as it relates to Small Business Tax Credits, to Individual Subsidies, to enrolling in SHOP.

"The launch of Access Health CT in October represents an exciting time for small business owners here in our state," said Kevin Counihan, Chief Executive Officer, Access Health CT, "We are so pleased to partner with such a trusted and sophisticated organization like the Chamber Insurance Trust in getting this important information out to their members across Connecticut."

"Connecticut's Chambers of Commerce have always been in the business of connecting businesses, both large and small to solutions," said Michael D. Nicastro, President and Chief Executive Officer, Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce, "Health insurance has been one of those important areas for many years. It is a natural fit for us to work in conjunction with Access Health CT as they begin a new era of health insurances services in the state."

The announcement was made in conjunction with Access Health CT's and the Chamber Insurance Trust and Chamber Leadership Cabinet's presence at the CT Business Expo in Hartford on June 6. As part of its involvement in the Expo, Access Health CT will be hosting Healthy Business Chat sessions to help businesses learn how healthcare reform can have a positive effect on their businesses. In addition, the Chamber Insurance Trust and its agents will hold workshops on helping businesses obtain affordable healthcare.

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About Access Health CT

Access Health CT (also known as the Exchange) was created by the Connecticut Legislature in 2011 and is a quasi-public agency established to satisfy requirements of the federal Affordable Care Act. Its mission is to increase the number of insured residents in Connecticut, promote health, lower costs and eliminate health disparities. Its vision is to provide a simple online shopping and enrollment experience for state residents and small businesses, starting with open enrollment in October 2013.

Access Health CT will ensure that participating health plans meet certain standards, and will facilitate competition and choice by rating the quality of each plan. Individuals and families buying coverage through the Exchange may qualify for tax credits on premiums. The Exchange will also coordinate eligibility and enrollment with state Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs. More information is available at www.AccessHealthCT.com

About Chamber Insurance Trust (CIT) and Chamber Insurance Program (CIP)

Chamber Insurance Trust (CIT) of Connecticut and Chamber Insurance Program (CIP) of Massachusetts is a voluntary alliance of participating Chambers of Commerce across Connecticut and Massachusetts. Created to bring the combined buying power of thousands of Chamber members, CIT's complete range of insurance options offer small, mid-sized and large businesses competitively priced benefit packages. From its inception in 1992, CIT serves more than 8,000 businesses from the Chambers of Commerce in Connecticut and Massachusetts.