



What Is the PCA Workforce Council?

The Council is here to support consumer-employers! The Council was established in 2012 to represent the interests of the state and PCA employers. The Council, and the Office of Policy & Management's Office of Labor Relations, negotiates and administers the PCA collective bargaining agreement with the union that represents PCAs, 1199 SEIU-NE. Members of the Council are appointed by the Governor, the Commissioners of the Departments of Social Services and Developmental Services, the State Healthcare Advocate, and leaders in the Connecticut General Assembly (legislature).

NEW! Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) Reached Between the PCA Workforce Council and SEIU District 1199 (the Union that represents your employees)

The new CBA was approved by the legislature in May, and its provisions are in the process of being implemented. The first two wage increases have already taken effect, and other changes will be taking place after they receive federal approval. Some of the highlights include lump sum payments, paid time off, and premium assistance to help with costs associated with the purchase of healthcare coverage. More detailed information is available on the PCA Workforce Council website: <http://portal.ct.gov/pcaworkforcecouncil/>

NEW! Covered Connecticut Program – *Please Consider Sharing with Your Employees*

We encourage you to let your employees know that the State of Connecticut has expanded the **Covered Connecticut Program**. Connecticut residents who meet specific eligibility requirements are paying \$0 for their health insurance coverage through Access Health. The Covered Connecticut Program provides health insurance coverage, dental coverage, and Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) administered by the Connecticut Department of Social Services.

Your employees can learn more about Covered Connecticut at AccessHealthCT.com and they can also complete an application on that website to see if they qualify for the program. In addition, free enrollment and eligibility help is available by calling Access Health at 1-855-805-4325. This is a very exciting program that provides health insurance coverage to thousands of Connecticut residents: please share this information with your employees as you see fit.

Questions or concerns contact us!

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Want to be more involved? Join the PCA Workforce Council. We are currently recruiting nominees. Contact the Council if you're interested. We are happy to talk with you.