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Former Access Health CT Employee Eldon G. Porter Fined \$600 by Office of State Ethics

Eldon G. Porter of Cincinnati, Ohio, a former Analyst and Policy and Research Manager for the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange, d/b/a Access Health CT (“AHCT”), paid a \$600 civil penalty for violating the Code of Ethics by using his state position to attempt to obtain financial gain.

According to a stipulation and consent order finalized yesterday with the Office of State Ethics (OSE), Porter, as part of his job duties as a state employee, was charged with assisting in the development of a “savings calculator” program for AHCT to post on its website. Toward this end, AHCT provided Porter with proprietary source data. Porter was required to share information and data with a state contractor responsible for marketing the state’s insurance exchange. While Porter initially shared information and data with the state contractor, in March 2013 Porter demanded that the state contractor provide personal financial compensation directly to him in order for the state contractor to receive further information and data. The state contractor did not pay Porter.

Under Section 1-84 (c) of the Code, a public official or state employee is prohibited from using his state position to try to obtain personal financial gain. Porter’s solicitation of compensation for information and data he obtained through his state employment represented an attempt to use his position for personal financial gain.

Through a separate but related personnel action, Porter lost his state position and is no longer a state employee.

“State information may not be withheld by state employees in an attempt to benefit themselves,” said OSE Executive Director, Carol Carson.

View: Stipulation and Consent Order [Docket No. 2013-34](#) in the Matter of Eldon G. Porter.

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