



Access Health CT Update

July 2021

American Rescue Plan Act

Recap: The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), signed into law on March 11 by President Biden, makes health insurance coverage more affordable and accessible for many Connecticut residents.

- By virtually eliminating, or vastly reducing monthly premiums, eligible Connecticut residents have at least one health plan option that costs no more than 8.5% of their annual income.
- More than 40k uninsured Connecticut residents were eligible as of May 1.
- The ARPA Special Enrollment Period ends August 15.

ARPA Efforts & Results

- ✓ AHCT ran automatic ARP Advance Premium Tax Credit (APTCs) updates for eligible enrollees in June.
- ✓ **More than 33K enrollees benefited with over \$4.5M in additional monthly financial help applied.**
- ✓ Customers will now be able to attest to receiving unemployment income in 2021 and will benefit from premiums at the 133% FPL Level (0% contribution rate or near \$0 plans).

Covered Connecticut & Open Enrollment

The Covered Connecticut Program: As of July 1, some Connecticut residents that meet specific eligibility requirements will be paying \$0 for their health insurance coverage through Access Health CT, thanks to the new Covered Connecticut Program created by the State of Connecticut. The State will pay the customer's portion of the monthly premium directly to their insurance company and will also pay for the cost-sharing amounts that customers would normally have to pay with a health insurance plan.

July Activity

- ✓ **Implemented approximately 570 automatic enrollments** for immediately eligible Access Health CT customers.
- ✓ **Published a Knowledgebase Article** online with program information, including detailed eligibility requirements.
- ✓ **Published website content updates** where the program is relevant, including financial help pages.
- ✓ **Communicated with immediately eligible population** about their new benefits via email and will have direct mail in-hand this week.
- ✓ **Acquisition strategy in process** for communicating (email/direct mail) the benefits of the program for Connecticut residents that could participate in the program if they make plan changes.
- ✓ **Working to scale the system** and our digital infrastructure to accommodate this program, requiring significant time and financial resources.

**OE9 Begins
November 1, 2021**

