



# The American Rescue Plan Act

## Progress Made & The Need to Make Changes Permanent

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) makes health insurance coverage more affordable and accessible for many Connecticut residents. Yet the \$178 million per year of financial help will expire after Plan Year 2022, unless the enhanced premium tax credits continue past 2022 through federal legislation.

### Impact to Connecticut residents if ARPA is not extended:

- ✓ Connecticut residents will lose more than \$14.8 million in premium tax credit assistance per month
- ✓ More than 65,000 enrollees would be impacted financially, with reduced or eliminated financial help
- ✓ 21,000 enrollees would lose financial help, including:
  - \$8.6 million per month or \$103 million annually, for individuals with income over 400% of the Federal Poverty Level
  - \$75.1 million in additional funding tied to ARPA for those with income under 400% of the Federal Poverty Level
- ✓ The average household will pay \$220 more per month, or \$2,650 more a year on premiums
- ✓ Significant reduction in progress made toward addressing health disparities through access to affordable health insurance coverage
- ✓ Without ARPA financial help, more comprehensive coverage may no longer be affordable for many Connecticut residents
  - For Plan Year 2022, more AHCT enrollees selected health insurance plans that reduce out-of-pocket costs and provide greater access to care
  - Without the premium assistance of ARPA, consumers may choose plans with higher cost-sharing burdens or choose to be uninsured

### About ARPA:

- Virtually eliminates or vastly reduces monthly payments (premiums) for eligible customers through Access Health CT
- Makes more than 40,000 uninsured CT residents eligible for affordable coverage\*
- Means all eligible CT residents will have at least one health insurance plan that costs no more than 8.5% of their annual income

### Real-life examples:

Family Size	Annual Income	Monthly Premium Cost with ARPA Financial Help**	Monthly Premium Cost without ARPA Financial Help**	Increase in Monthly Cost if ARPA is not extended**
4	\$107,000	\$8	\$3,323	\$3,315
1	\$53,000	\$10	\$1,021	\$1,011

\*To find more information about ARPA, visit: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2021/03/12/fact-sheet-american-rescue-plan-reduces-health-care-costs-expands-access-insurance-coverage.html>

\*\*Based on rates for Plan Year 2022