Healthcare Benchmark Initiative - Informational Hearing

June 23, 2026
9:00 AM – 12:00/12:30 PM
Legislative Office Building, Room 2E
300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106
Teams Link

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09:00 – 09:10 **Welcome and Introductions**
Alexander Reger, Ph.D., Healthcare Benchmarks Initiative Director

09:10 – 09:50 **Healthcare Affordability in Connecticut: Highlights of the 2024 Cost Growth, Primary Care Spending Target and Quality Benchmark Reports**
Presenter: Alexander Reger, Ph.D., Healthcare Benchmarks Initiative Director

09:50 – 10:45 **Leveraging Federal Opportunities to Strengthen Primary Care**
Moderator: Mehul Dalal, MD, MSc, Chief Policy Advisor, Department of Social Services
Speakers:
- **Rebecca Andrews,** MS, MD MACP, Professor of Medicine, APD/Director of Ambulatory Education IM Residency, UConn Health; Immediate Past Chair Board of Regents - American College of Physicians
- **Joanne Borduas,** BSN, MSN, MBA, CEO, Community Health and Wellness Center
- **Lisa Trumble**, MBA, President & CEO, Southern New England Healthcare Organization
- **James Uberti**, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Southern New England Healthcare Organization

10:45 – 11:00 **Break**

11:00 – 11:35 **Successful Value-Based Care Programs in Connecticut**
Moderator: Rae-Ellen Roy, Director, Healthcare Policy & Benefits Division, Office of the State Comptroller.
Presenter: Michael Bailit, Bailit Health

Panelists:

- **Christine Etzel**, Director of Provider Collaboration and Strategy, Northeast markets - Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of CT *(Remote)*
- **Wendy Polsinelli**, RVP, CT Provider Solutions, Anthem BlueCross BlueShield of CT *(Remote)*
- **Tony Tedeschi**, AVP, Provider Contracting & Network Management – Connecticut, Cigna Healthcare
- **Phil Roland**, MD, MHA, Regional Clinical Executive, Cigna Healthcare
- **Susan Guerette,** Esq., RN, BSN, CCM, Lead Director, Market Compliance, Aetna, *(invited)*
- **Marissa Krupski**, LSSBB, Lead Director, Service Operations, Aetna *(invited)*

11:35 – 12:00 **Connecticut's Healthcare Benchmarks - 2026 Updates**
Speaker: Alexander Reger, Ph.D., Healthcare Benchmark Initiative Director

12:00 - 12:15 **Public Comment**

12:15 **Conclusion/Adjournment**
Alexander Reger, Ph.D.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

OHS will call for oral and pre-filed written comment from interested parties and the public. Time-permitting, OHS will accept oral comments from members of the public beginning at approximately 12:00 PM. Those wishing to provide comment during the hearing may sign up to do so by emailing OPM.HCBI@ct.gov.

Written comments should be submitted electronically to OPM.HCBI@ct.gov *with the subject line: June 23 Benchmark Hearing or, if comments cannot be submitted electronically, sent by mail, to the Office of Health Strategy, 450 Capitol Avenue, 1st Floor, Hartford, CT 06106, Attn: Lisa P. Sementilli, Lead Planning Analyst. Written comments should be electronically sent or post-marked no later than Monday, June 15th, 2026. Post-hearing written comments may be provided no later than Friday, June 26th.*

All oral and written public comment will be recorded and posted on the OHS website: Office of Health Strategy Website.