



## People Want Better Choices For Health Care

- **Health care costs are a problem:** 50% of Connecticut residents have struggled with a health care affordability problem in the past year, according to a [2018 survey](#)
- **People have trouble getting the care they need:** Health care costs are causing people to delay or avoid care, including skipping recommended medical procedures and medications, according to the [2018 survey](#)
- **Many small businesses & nonprofits can't afford to provide health insurance for their employees:** We need new options to make it more affordable for small businesses and nonprofits to offer quality health care coverage for their employees

## New Affordable, Quality Health Care Options Proposed In HB 7267

[The bill](#) proposes:

- **TWO new options for health insurance based on the state employee health plan for:**
  - **SMALL BUSINESSES & NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:** Starting in 2020, businesses and organizations with up to 50 employees will be able to purchase a new state-administered health plan
  - **INDIVIDUALS:** Starting in 2021, individuals will be able to purchase the new ConnectHealth Plan
- **This proposal ADDS CHOICES and DOES NOT REPLACE:**
  - Health plans offered by private insurers off and on the state health insurance exchange (Access Health CT)
  - Medicaid/HUSKY for low-income, disabled, and elderly residents
  - Medicare for those 65 and older, and those with disabilities
  - Health insurance you get through your job

## Why These New Options are Critical for Connecticut

- Too many businesses and individuals are not being served by the current health care market
- The state can build on its successful state employee health plan to help more people access quality, affordable coverage
- This will open up better options for more people: small businesses, nonprofits, individuals and undocumented immigrants

Share your story of how these new public options could help you, your family, or your business or nonprofit with us at [info@universalhealthct.org](mailto:info@universalhealthct.org)