

Dear Neighbor,

One of my long term legislative goals is to increase access to high quality, affordable health care. During the last session, my colleagues and I made great strides toward this goal, but there is still more work to be done.

Access to health care is important to all of us. I wanted to share some valuable health care resources with you. If you are uninsured, you may qualify for a service or program listed in this newsletter. If you have private insurance, but have questions or complaints about your coverage, one of the agencies I have included may be of assistance. I have also listed several offices that provide services to people living in nursing homes or exploring long term care options.

As always, it is a privilege to serve as your State Representative. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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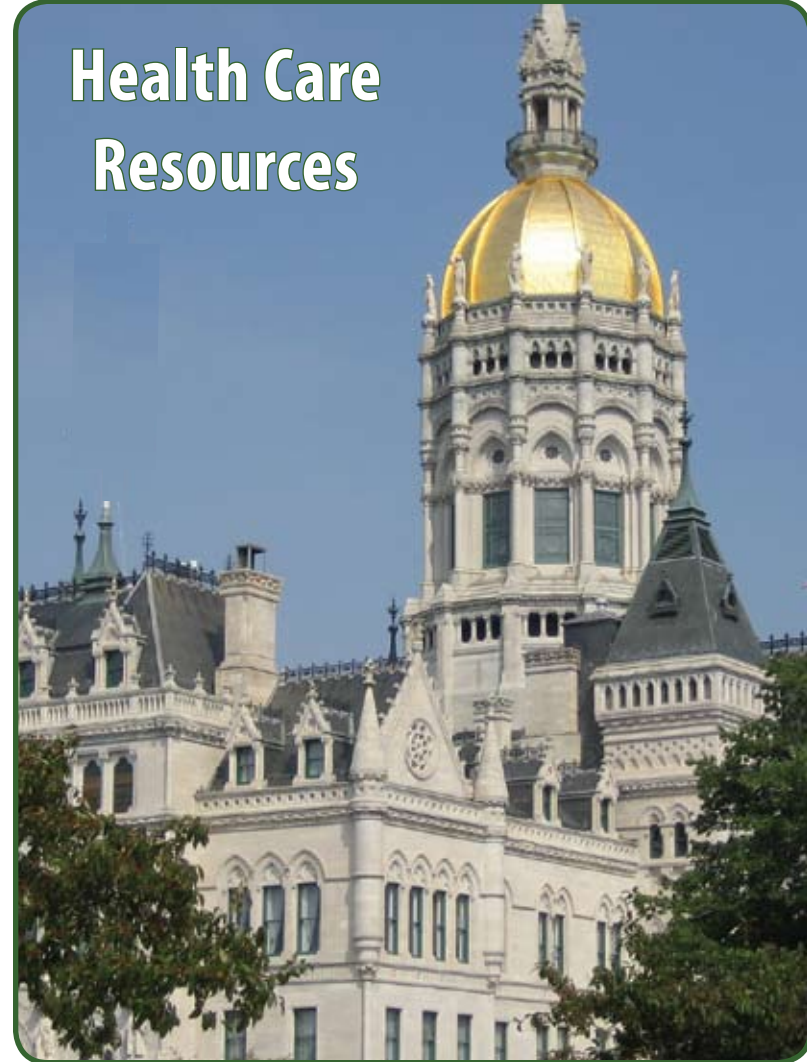
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**Health Care  
Resources**



# Looking out for the health and well being of your family

## State Resources for Health Care Advocacy & Assistance

The **Office of Health Care Access** provides referrals to consumers seeking assistance with hospital bills. Call: 1-800-797-9688 or Visit: [www.ct.gov/ohca](http://www.ct.gov/ohca).



The **Office of the Health Care Advocate** answers questions about managed care plans and assists residents with filing appeals and grievances when claims are denied by their insurers. Call: 1-866-HMO-4446 or Visit: [www.ct.gov/oha](http://www.ct.gov/oha).

The **Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities** investigates complaints from people with disabilities related to abuse and neglect and provides advocacy services. Call: 860-297-4300 or Visit: [www.ct.gov/opapd](http://www.ct.gov/opapd).

The **Department of Social Services Long Term Care Ombudsman Program** investigates complaints on behalf of nursing home residents and their families. Call: 1-866-388-1888 or Visit: [www.ct.gov/ltcop](http://www.ct.gov/ltcop).

The **Connecticut Partnership for Long-Term Care** is a joint program with private insurance companies to assist residents with choosing a long-term care plan. Call: (860) 418-6318 or Visit: [www.ct.gov/opm](http://www.ct.gov/opm) and click on Partnership for Long Term Care.



## Consumer Information From your State Representative **Russell A. Morin**



### Health Care Coverage Options:

#### HUSKY coverage for children and caregivers

1-877-284-8759

#### State Administered General Assistance: Medical Aid

*Dept. of Social Services Hartford Office:*

(860) 723-1000

#### Medicaid (Title 19)

*Dept. of Social Services Hartford Office:*

(860) 723-1111

#### Health Reinsurance Association

High Risk Pool • 1-800-842-0004



#### For Veterans:

**Veterans Infoline** • 1-877-222-VETS

**Long Term Care • State Veterans Home** • (860) 721-5877

**Veterans Health Center in Newington** • (860) 666-6951

#### For Seniors:

##### CHOICES Program

*Health Insurance Options for the Elderly and Disabled*

1-800-994-9422

##### ConnPACE Prescription Drug Program

1-800-423-5026

##### Home Health Care Assistance

*Dept. of Social Services Alternate Care Unit*

1-800-445-5394

##### Medicare • Federal Coverage

*East Hartford Social Security Office:*

290-5420

### Healthy Start

The Healthy Start Program can provide full health coverage for income eligible pregnant women, which will include prescriptions and transportation to medical appointments. There are no premiums, co-pays or deductibles for any Healthy Start covered service. Apply for Healthy Start at DSS regional offices and suboffices, or at community sites authorized to accept applications. Community sites offer case management for the pregnant woman and for children ages 0 through 2; DSS sites do not. Eligibility:

- Pregnant and postpartum women.
- Connecticut resident.
- U.S. citizen, asylee, refugee, or legal resident.; women with other types of visas (student, tourist, work visas) are not eligible.
- Income at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level. Certain employment and child care expenses can be used to reduce applied income; pregnant woman is counted as two family members when calculating income eligibility.
- No asset limit.

