



# Access Health Connecticut

Paraeducator Healthcare Working Group – Organizational Meeting  
September 20, 2023

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# Introductions

# Purpose and Task of Paraeducator Healthcare Working Group

# Purpose

- The working group consists of the comptroller (or his designee) and at least one representative each from Access Health CT (i.e., the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange) and OHS and at least one member appointed by the two organizations representing Connecticut paraeducators.
- Access Health CT's representative must convene the group's first meeting, which must be held by October 1, 2023.
- The bill requires Access Health CT to report to the Appropriations, Education, Insurance and Real Estate, and Labor and Public Employees committees on its findings, including any legislative recommendations, by July 1, 2024.

# Tasks

- The study must at least:

1. analyze the cost to boards to offer health benefit plans with an actuarial value (AV) of at least 75% (AV represents the total average costs for benefits that plan covers);

2. consider any fees or taxes assessed on boards for not providing health insurance plans that meet the federal minimum essential benefits coverage requirements;

3. compare the costs to offer health benefit plans (by AV) and the costs of a qualified silver-level plan;

# Tasks – cont'd

- The study must at least:
  4. **examine the feasibility of expanding the Covered Connecticut program, or any other premium subsidy program available through Access Health CT, to provide affordable coverage for paraeducators and other similarly situated occupations; and**
  5. **assess the average out-of-pocket costs for paraeducators under existing cost-sharing subsidy programs.**

# Members

- **Susan Rich-Bye: Access Health CT**
- **Madi Csejka, on behalf of Comptroller Scanlon**
- **Kim Marton and Leslie Greer, on behalf of Dr. Gifford, Office of Health Strategy**
- **Daniel Livingston, on behalf of CSEA and SWIU Local 2001**



# Meeting Cadence

# Next Steps