



Every Connecticut resident deserves access to affordable, high-quality health coverage and care. During this critical time, we should build on and improve what's working where private coverage, Medicare, and Medicaid work together to expand access to coverage and care.

However, some politicians want to create a government-controlled health insurance system called the "state government option" that would threaten the health coverage and care Connecticut families rely on. The proposed state government option would put politicians in control of Connecticut families' health care and could also increase costs while harming our economy.

High costs and unaffordable tax hikes have [doomed similar attempts](#) to implement one-size-fits-all new government health insurance systems in Colorado and Vermont. And the [first experiment](#) with a state government option in Washington state has resulted in *higher* insurance rates.

Additionally, the state government option would put tens of thousands of Connecticut jobs at risk, in exchange for a government-controlled health insurance system that would force patients to pay more for worse care. Hardworking taxpayers can't afford another unproven, new government health insurance system.

Our hospitals, doctors, nurses, health insurance providers, and pharmaceutical companies are working together to help Connecticut residents get healthy and stay healthy, and provide everyone with access to the coverage and care they need.

We must continue working together to lower costs and increase access to health coverage and care for all Connecticut residents. This means building on and improving what's working where private coverage, Medicare, and Medicaid work together – not starting over with a one-size-fits-all government health insurance system like the state government option.

