

## **Access Health Connecticut**

October 20, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting

## **Board Agenda**

A. Call to Order and Introductions

**B. Public Comment** 

C. Votes

D. CEO Report

E. Open Enrollment 10 Update

F. Consumer Impact Study

G. Public Health Emergency (PHE) Unwinding Update

H. ACA Policy/Legal Update

I. Future Agenda Items

J. Adjournment



## **Public Comment**



### Votes:

- Review and Approval of Minutes
- Appoint New Member to the Health Equity, Outreach and Consumer Experience Advisory Committee
- Appoint Members to the Strategy and Finance Committees



# CEO Report James Michel



Technology



# 2023 Open Enrollment Planning

### 2023 Open Enrollment (OE10) Scheduled:

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November 1, 2022 – January 15, 2023*
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### Focus for OE10

- Provide clarity on the consumer impact to 2023 qualified health plan pricing
- Promote continued financial help through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
- Continue acquisition efforts for Covered Connecticut Program (available for all adults this OE)
- Retain and transition existing Dental enrollees into one streamlined application.
- Prepare for the impending end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE)
   Awaiting confirmation of the end of the PHE and Medicaid Extension and planning next steps in partnership with the DSS to ensure enrollees do not experience gaps in coverage.



\*CT's 2023 OE period is aligned with the federally-facilitated marketplace OE period

## **2023 Open Enrollment Planning**





# **2023 Open Enrollment Challenges**

### Yearly Open Enrollment Challenges:

- Premium Changes
- Customer Plan Selections

### **2023 Open Enrollment Challenges:**

- Current Economic Environment
- Transition of Technology Maintenance Resources
- Public Health Emergency and Medicaid Extension Unwind



# 2023 OE Technology Updates

#### New features released for 2023 Open Enrollment Users:

- New streamlined and integrated dental enrollment process
- Updated rules and screens to support Covered CT program.
  - Anonymous Browsing/CDST now displays Covered CT eligibility.
- Paper mail consolidation and collation to reduce customer frustration and postage costs
- Redesigned account home services to improve self-service navigation, communications, and verification completion.
- AHCT implemented new business rules and updated the HIX system to address the "family glitch." Families offered employer-sponsored coverage may now be eligible for financial assistance through AHCT.



Marketing



#### Creative approach & messaging:

#### • Time to take a fresh look

- Enhanced subsidies/financial help thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and "family glitch" fix
- Improved dental enrollment experience
- Options based on eligibility, including HUSKY Health and Covered CT
- Use of full color palette to visually represent a fresh look

#### Importance of deadlines

- Enroll by Dec. 15 for coverage beginning Jan. 1
- Enroll between Dec. 16 and Jan. 15 for coverage beginning Feb. 1

#### • Ways to get free help

- QR codes to "get help" page
- Online, in-person or on the phone



### When should you take a look at your health coverage options?

#### **Right now is good**

It's time to discover better health coverage options. To compare deductibles, co-pays, and more so you can make the choice that works best for you. To get help enrolling in coverage. And to see if you qualify for financial assistance.

Where can you do all this? Only at Access Health CT. If you've looked at us before, look again. And if you've enrolled before but need new options, it's definitely time to take a second look. We have coverage (including dental options) for individuals, families, and small businesses.



We're here for you – at AccessHealthCT.com.

Enroll by December 15 for coverage starting January 1 Enroll between December 16 and January 15 for coverage starting February 1



#### Targeting

- Zip codes:
  - Uninsured data
  - Public Health Emergency (PHE) data
  - High populations of Black/African American residents

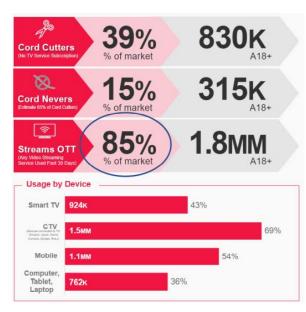
### • Underserved communities:

- Hispanic media (tv, radio, print, HULU)
- Black/African American media (cable, radio, print, out-ofhome)
- Polish (print, radio)

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#### **Media Research**



Source: Scarborough Hartford Market August 2021-March 2022



Source: Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority July 2022

#### After viewing OOH, consumers take action.



43% have visited an advertiser's website.

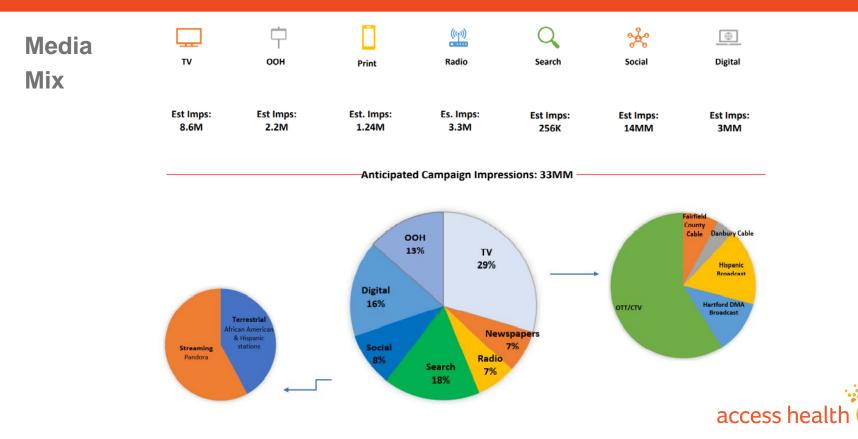
39% searched for more information.

39% made a physical purchase.



28% have downloaded an app. (Increases to 46% among Gen-Z and 38% among Millennials)<sup>1</sup>

Source: Harris Poll November 2021



#### **Media Flights**

Week of:	10/31/2022	11/7/2022	11/14/2022	11/21/2022	11/28/2022	12/5/2022	12/12/2022	12/19/2022	12/26/2022	1/2/2023	1/9/2022
Linear TV (English)											
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Terrestrial Radio (AM/FM)											
Billboards (3 total)											
Bus Shelters (46 total)											
Mobile billboards (2 total)											
Print (English, Spanish, Black/African American/Polish)											
Digital Display/Video/Native											
Paid Social Media											
Paid Search Engine Marketing (SEM)											
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Organic Social Media											



**Outreach** 



# **Outreach Events**

- Regional Breakfast Conference Week
  - 231 attendees: 76 in person, 155 via zoom
  - Community Award
    - East Hartford Public Library, Hartford area
    - Stamford Public Library, Norwalk area
    - Community Health Center, Inc, Groton area
    - Project Access New Haven
- Healthy Chat presentations
  - 3 chats: East Hartford, Danbury and Virtual
  - 260 RSVPs





# **Open Enrollment Outreach**

- Enrollment Locations:
  - Ferguson Library, Stamford
  - Raymond Library, East Hartford
- Enrollment Fairs:
  - Approx. 21 pop up fairs
  - Weekdays and Weekends
- Navigator Locations:
  - Community Renewal Team (CRT) Hartford
  - Community Health Center Association of CT (CHCACT) Danbury, Willimantic, Norwich, New London
  - Greater Bridgeport Area Prevention Program (GBAPP) Bridgeport
  - New Opportunities, Inc (NOI) Waterbury
- In-person enrollment opportunities in all counties.







# Rate Review and Consumer Impact Analysis Report

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October 2022



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#### Introduction

- Wakely was retained by AccessHealth CT (AHCT) to perform the following services related to 2023 rate filings
  - Rate Filing Review: Review of initial and final health insurance rate filings for carriers on the exchange
  - Consumer Impact Analysis: Summarize rate changes before and after federal subsidies by rating area and plan type
  - Rate Analysis: Perform a rate analysis to assess the variance in rates by rating area and metal level
- Wakely relied on rate filings and templates, as well as enrollment data, provided by AHCT as of September 2022
- Rounding: Results are presented to the nearest dollar, calculations are performed at the nearest \$0.01. Similarly, percentage summaries are rounded



Section 1

## Plan Offerings and Enrollment



Summary of 2023 Plan Offerings - Individual

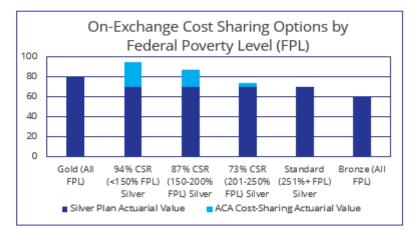
- ConnectiCare Insurance Company, Inc. (CICI), Anthem Health Plans, Inc. (Anthem) and ConnectiCare Benefits, Inc. (CBI) are continuing participation on the exchange, with 25 plans
- There will be one Platinum plan offered in 2023
- All plans are available statewide

		Individu	ual Market	
	2022	Disc.	New	2023
Catastrophic	2	0	0	2
Bronze	11	2	1	10
Silver	3	0	0	3
Gold	10	2	1	9
Platinum	1	0	0	1
Total	27	4	2	25



Summary of 2023 Plan Offerings - Individual

- Metal tiers are defined by Actuarial Value (AV) as calculated by the Federal AV Calculator; permissible ranges narrowed in 2023
- Silver enrollees with income between 0% and 250% of the Federal Poverty Level FPL) are eligible for Cost Sharing Reductions (CSRs) on the exchange
- All enrollees are eligible for premium subsidies on the exchange with the extension of enhanced subsidies under the Inflation Reduction Act
- All Bronze plans offered on-exchange qualify as an expanded bronze plan



Individual Market	Permissible AV Range	Filed AV Range		
Platinum	88%-92%	88%		
Gold	78%-82%	78%-82%		
73% AV CSR	73%-74% <sup>2</sup>	73.5%-73.8%		
87% AV C SR	87%-88%	87.3%-88%		
94% AV C SR	94%-95%	94.7%-94.9%		
Standard Silver	70%-72%	71%		
Bronze	58%-65% <sup>1</sup>	64%-65%		



<sup>1</sup> Bronze plan designs are eligible for expanded "de minimis" range <sup>2</sup> 73.0% CSR Silver must have a differential of 2.0%+ with Standard Silver

Enrollment Distribution by Metal Level

- Silver and Gold plans gained enrollment in 2022
- The percent of enrollees choosing the lowest premium option within a metal tier continued its slide downward in 2022.
- 84% of Enrollees are eligible for premium subsidies at the beginning of 2022 (increase driven by ARPA)

Metal Level	Distribution by Metal Tier %			% of Enrollees in Lowest Cost I					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Platinum	0%	0%	0%	2%	N/A	N/A	NA	100%	
Gold	6%	7%	8%	12%	14%	17%	19%	14%	
Silver	47%	45%	47%	48%	51%	81%	75%	70%	
Bronze	45%	46%	44%	37%	13%	15%	16%	14%	
Catastrophic	2%	2%	2%	1%	87%	90%	90%	87%	



Summary of 2023 Plan Offerings – Small Group

- The same two issuers are participating on the exchange in 2023, with 10 plans
- CBI is discontinuing a Silver plan in 2023
- All plans are available statewide
- No platinum plan will be available in 2023

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	2022	Disc.	New	2023					
Bronze	4	0	0	4					
Silver	5	1	0	4					
Gold	2	0	0	2					
Platinum	0	0	0	0					
Total	11	1	0	10					



Section 2

## 2023 Rate Changes



Background

- Rate changes in this section reflect premium changes from 2022 to 2023 based on carrier plan mappings provided to Wakely by AHCT as of September 2022
- Weighted averages are based on enrollment by plan and county provided to Wakely by AHCT (individual market only)
- Rate changes presented in this section are PRIOR to premium subsidies



Individual Market Observations

- The weighted average rate increase for AHCT enrollees (before premium subsidies) is 12.2%. This rate change does not include the impact of aging
- Rate changes across all plan and area combinations range from 2.3% to 29.1%
- By county, average rates are increasing the most in Middlesex
- By carrier, premium weighted rate changes average 7.1% for Anthem, 13.9% for CBI and 15.5% for CICI for continuing and cross-walked enrollees
- Silver plans continue to be loaded for the defunding of cost-sharing reductions



Individual Market Observations

- Rate Change Drivers
  - Trend combined medical and pharmacy cost and utilization trend ranges from 9.2-11.4%
  - Ongoing COVID costs added at most 1.5% after experience was normalized for treatment and vaccination costs.
  - Risk Adjustment is the only remaining market stabilization program after expiration of transitional reinsurance and risk corridors at the end of 2016.
    - The program has two components: Risk Adjustment Transfers and the High Risk Pool (HRP) which reimburses issuers for 60% of paid claims over \$1 million
  - Experience as measured by projected Minimum Loss Ratios (MLR) had shown continued improvement in the State until the pandemic

Minimum Loss Ratio*	2018	2019	2020	2021
Anthem – Individual	83.1%	88.7%	87.5%	93.3%
CBI – Individual	76.7%	86.2%	79.9%	99.0%
CICI – Individual	80.8%	82.4%	86.1%	82.7%
Individual (State: CT)**	80.1%	86.4%	82.7%	96.2%



\*Source: NAIC Supplemental Health Care Exhibit S&P Global Market Intelligence \*\* Includes experience for off-exchange plans offered by CTCare Inc. and CTCare Insurance Co.

#### Individual Market Rate Changes by Plan with Mapping

Metal	Carrier	2022 Plan Name	2023 Plan Name	Fairfield	Hartford	Litchfield	Middlesex	New Haven	New London	Tolland	Windham
Platinum	сісі	FlexPOS Platinum Alternative	FlexPOS Platinum Alternative	17.8%	18.3%	27.1%	25.0%	16.4%	21.8%	25.4%	22.2%
Gold	Anthem	Gold HMO BlueCare Prime	Gold HMO BlueCare Prime with Added Dental and Vision Benefits	14.1%	11.9%	14.3%	13.1%	13.1%	9.4%	9.4%	9.4%
Gold	Anthem	Gold HMO Pathway Enhanced Tiered	Gold HMO Pathway Enhanced Tiered	15.2%	13.0%	15.4%	14.2%	14.2%	10.5%	10.5%	10.5%
Gold	Anthem	Gold PPO Standard Pathway	Gold PPO Standard Pathway	12.1%	10.0%	12.3%	11.1%	11.1%	7.6%	7.6%	7.6%
Gold	СВІ	Choice Gold Alternative POS with Dental	Choice Gold Alternative POS with Dental	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%
Gold	СВІ	Choice Gold Standard POS	Choice Gold Standard POS	15.9%	15.9%	15.9%	15.9%	15.9%	15.9%	15.9%	15.9%
Gold	СІСІ	Compass EPO Gold Alternative	Compass EPO Gold Alternative	18.8%	19.3%	28.2%	26.1%	17.4%	22.8%	26.5%	23.3%
Gold	сісі	FlexPOS Gold Standard	FlexPOS Gold Standard	17.4%	18.0%	26.8%	24.7%	16.1%	21.4%	25.0%	21.9%
Silver	Anthem	Silver PPO Standard Pathway	Silver PPO Standard Pathway	6.7%	4.6%	6.9%	5.7%	5.7%	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%
Silver	СВІ	Choice Silver Standard POS	Choice Silver Standard POS	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%
Silver	сісі	FlexPOS Silver Standard	FlexPOS Silver Standard	8.5%	9.0%	17.1%	15.2%	7.2%	12.2%	15.5%	12.6%



### 2023 Rate Changes (Cont.)

#### Individual Market Rate Changes by Plan with Mapping

Metal	Carrier	2022 Plan Name	2023 Plan Name	Fairfield	Hartford	Litchfield	Middlesex	New Haven	New London	Tolland	Windham
Bronze	Anthem	Bronze HMO BlueCare Prime with Added Dental and Vision Benefits	Bronze HMO BlueCare Prime with Added Dental and Vision Benefits	9.5%	7.4%	9.7%	8.6%	8.6%	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%
Bronze	Anthem	Bronze HMO Pathway Enhanced Tiered	Bronze HMO Pathway Enhanced Tiered	15.4%	13.1%	15.6%	14.3%	14.3%	10.6%	10.6%	10.6%
Bronze	Anthem	Bronze PPO Standard Pathway	Bronze PPO Standard Pathway	7.2%	5.1%	7.4%	6.3%	6.3%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%
Bronze	Anthem	Bronze PPO Standard Pathway for HSA	Bronze PPO Standard Pathway for HSA	7.5%	5.4%	7.7%	6.5%	6.5%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%
Bronze	CBI	Choice Bronze Alternative POS with Dental	Choice Bronze Alternative POS with Dental	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%	19.6%
Bronze	CBI	Choice Bronze Standard POS	Choice Bronze Standard POS	20.7%	20.7%	20.7%	20.7%	20.7%	20.7%	20.7%	20.7%
Bronze	CBI	Choice Bronze Standard POS HSA	Choice Bronze Standard POS HSA	20.7%	20.7%	20.7%	20.7%	20.7%	20.7%	20.7%	20.7%
Bronze	CICI	FlexPOS Bronze Standard	FlexPOS Bronze Standard	19.6%	20.2%	29.1%	27.0%	18.2%	23.7%	27.3%	24.1%
Bronze	CICI	FlexPOS Bronze Standard HSA	FlexPOS Bronze Standard HSA	19.6%	20.2%	29.1%	27.0%	18.2%	23.7%	27.4%	24.2%
Catastrophic	Anthem	Catastrophic HMO Pathway Enhanced	Catastrophic HMO Pathway Enhanced	7.6%	5.5%	7.8%	6.7%	6.7%	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%
Catastrophic	СВІ	Choice Catastrophic POS with Dental	Choice Catastrophic POS with Dental	23.5%	23.6%	23.6%	23.6%	23.6%	23.6%	23.6%	23.6%



Small Group Market Observations

- One Silver plan is being discontinued in 2023
- Rate changes for 2023\*
  - Anthem: The overall rate increase is -1.4% with plan specific rate changes varying from -6.0% to 20.2%. Increase reflects a mix of on and off exchange plans
  - CBI: The overall rate increase is 15.0%. Rate changes across all plan combinations range from 13.1% to 18.9%

\*Average Increases from Connecticut Insurance Department.



Section 3

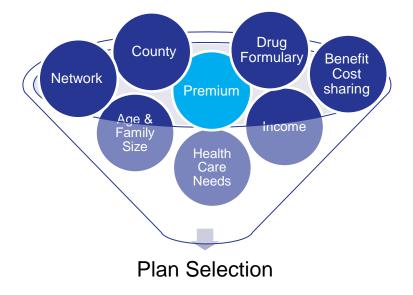
## **Consumer Impact Analysis**



### **Consumer Impact Analysis**

Background

- There are many considerations consumers use to select the best plan option for themselves
- This section outlines the premium changes for consumers in the individual market after reflecting federal premium subsidies
- Brokers may advise consumers on plan selection
  - The AHCT Consumer Decision Support Tool also includes the considerations below





Background

- This section outlines the premium changes for consumers in the individual market after reflecting federal premium subsidies
- Impacts are calculated based on carrier plan mappings provided to Wakely by AHCT
- Weighted averages are based on enrollment by plan and county provided to Wakely by AHCT
- Premium impact for individuals and households vary based on:
  - Member age(s)
  - Geographic region
  - Income
  - Plan selection
  - Household size



**Consumer Premiums** 

- Benchmark plan: Subsidy eligible households pay up to the defined % of income for the Essential Health Benefits (EHB) portion of benchmark premium, and pay the non-EHB premium amount as well
- Non-Benchmark plan: Consumers pay the amount above, plus/minus the difference between their selected plan and the benchmark
- Advanced payment of the Premium Tax Credit (APTC): federal government pays APTC directly to carrier, reducing consumer premium

\*Starting July 1, 2021 under the Covered Connecticut program: For eligible consumers, the State of CT pays the consumer portion of premium (must be enrolled in Silver CSR plan) and consumer portion of cost-sharing amounts



Drivers of After Subsidy Rate Changes

- Change in Second Lowest Silver plan/premium
- Change in plan premium relative to Second Lowest Silver premium
- Change in income, household size
- Updates to FPL
- IRS guidelines; Maximum Contribution % of Income



Change in Benchmark Plan and Subsidies

- The next slide illustrates the change in the benchmark (second lowest cost silver plan) by county assuming no aging
- Key observations include:
  - The benchmark plan carrier is changing in five of the eight counties
  - Benchmark premium change varies from 5.2% to 11.7% by county



Change in Benchmark Plan

			2022 Benchmark Plan	rk Plan 2023 Benchmark Plan		
County	2022 Enrollment in County	Issuer	Plan Name	Issuer	Plan Name	Benchmark Premium Change
Fairfield	33,945	CICI	FlexPOS Silver Standard	CICI	FlexPOS Silver Standard	8.5%
Hartford	21,818	CICI	FlexPOS Silver Standard	CICI FlexPOS Silver Standard		9.1%
Litchfield	7,068	CICI	FlexPOS Silver Standard	Anthem	Silver PPO Standard Pathway	7.7%
Middlesex	5,328	CICI	FlexPOS Silver Standard	Anthem	Silver PPO Standard Pathway	11.7%
New Haven	21,276	CICI	FlexPOS Silver Standard	CICI	FlexPOS Silver Standard	7.2%
New London	6,630	CICI	FlexPOS Silver Standard	СВІ	Choice Silver Standard POS	6.0%
Tolland	3,527	Anthem	Silver PPO Standard Pathway	СВІ	Choice Silver Standard POS	5.2%
Windham	2,272	CICI	FlexPOS Silver Standard	СВІ	Choice Silver Standard POS	5.4%



Change in Benchmark Premium and Subsidies - Sample Household

- The next slides illustrate the change in the benchmark premium and premium subsidy amounts by county for a hypothetical household assuming auto-renewal
  - Household: Michael is a single adult, age 44 as of 2022 with income of 300% FPL
- Results for other household scenarios will vary
- Key observations for sample household includes
  - Benchmark premiums are increasing by 12% on average
  - Average subsidies for this household are increasing by 15% across all counties and range from 10% to 20% by county



Change in Benchmark Premium and Subsidies - Sample Household

#### For single age 44 year old (45 in 2023) with income of 300% FPL (approximately \$38,640 in 2022)

County	Enrollment Distribution	(		hmark Pre Fax Credit		Only				Net Mor		nchmark F ax Credit)	
County	by County	2022	2023	\$ Change	% Change	2022	2023	\$ Change	% Change	2022	2023	\$ Change	% Change
Fairfield	33%	\$682	\$765	\$83	12%	\$487	\$559	\$72	15%	\$195	\$206	\$11	6%
Hartford	21%	\$591	\$666	\$75	13%	\$396	\$460	\$64	16%	\$195	\$206	\$11	6%
Litchfield	7%	\$604	\$674	\$70	12%	\$409	\$467	\$58	14%	\$195	\$207	\$12	6%
Middlesex	5%	\$632	\$731	\$99	16%	\$437	\$524	\$87	20%	\$195	\$207	\$12	6%
New Haven	21%	\$636	\$704	\$69	11%	\$441	\$499	\$58	13%	\$195	\$206	\$11	6%
New London	7%	\$606	\$664	\$58	10%	\$411	\$458	\$47	11%	\$195	\$206	\$11	6%
Tolland	3%	\$610	\$664	\$54	9%	\$416	\$458	\$43	10%	\$194	\$206	\$11	6%
Windham	2%	\$610	\$664	\$55	9%	\$415	\$458	\$44	11%	\$195	\$206	\$11	6%
TOTAL	100%	\$636	\$711	\$75	12%	\$441	\$505	\$64	15%	\$195	\$206	\$11	6%



Weighted Average Premium Changes – Sample Household

- The following slides show rate impact before and after subsidies for the lowest cost silver plans and lowest cost bronze plans in each county for a sample household
- The first panel of numbers shows the monthly rate change from 2022 to 2023 before subsidies
- The second panel of numbers shows the <u>after-subsidy</u> monthly rate change from 2022 to 2023
- The third panel shows the monthly rate change if the household moves to the 2023 lowest cost plan
- Results will vary for other household scenarios



#### Lowest Cost Silver Impact- Sample Household (Auto vs. Active Renew)

For single age 44 year old (45 in 2023) with income of 300% FPL (approximately \$38,640 in 2022) Enrolled in the lowest cost silver plan for 2022

	Lowest Cost Silver Plan			Auto Renew Before Tax Credit			Auto Renew After Tax Credit			Active Renew After Tax Credit – Shop to 2023 Lowest Silver Option		
County	2022	2023	2022	2023	Change	2022	2023	Change	2022	2023	Change	
Fairfield	Choice Silver Standard POS	Choice Silver Standard POS	\$632	\$719	14%	\$146	\$160	10%	\$146	\$160	10%	
Hartford	Choice Silver Standard POS	Choice Silver Standard POS	\$540	\$614	14%	\$145	\$155	7%	\$145	\$155	7%	
Litchfield	Choice Silver Standard POS	Choice Silver Standard POS	\$584	\$664	14%	\$175	\$197	13%	\$175	\$197	13%	
Middlesex	Choice Silver Standard POS	Choice Silver Standard POS	\$584	\$664	14%	\$147	\$140	-5%	\$147	\$140	-5%	
New Haven	Choice Silver Standard POS	Choice Silver Standard POS	\$584	\$664	14%	\$143	\$165	15%	\$143	\$165	15%	
New London	Choice Silver Standard POS	Silver PPO Standard Pathway	\$584	\$664	14%	\$173	\$206	19%	\$173	\$187	8%	
Tolland	Choice Silver Standard POS	Silver PPO Standard Pathway	\$584	\$664	14%	\$169	\$206	22%	\$169	\$187	11%	
Windham	Choice Silver Standard POS	Silver PPO Standard Pathway	\$584	\$664	14%	\$170	\$206	21%	\$170	\$187	10%	

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#### Lowest Cost Bronze Impact- Sample Household (Auto vs. Active Renew)

For single age 44 year old (45 in 2023) with income of 300% FPL (approximately \$38,640 in 2022) Enrolled in the lowest cost bronze plan for 2022

	Lowest Cost Bronze Plan			Auto Renew Before Tax Credit			Auto Renew After Tax Credit			Active Renew After Tax Credit – Shop to 2023 Lowest Bronze Option		
County	2022	2023	2022	2023	Change	2022	2023	Change	2021	2022	Change	
Fairfield	Passage Bronze Alternative PCP POS	Choice Bronze Standard POS HSA	\$491	\$639	30%	\$4	\$80	1795%	\$4	\$80	1795%	
Hartford	Passage Bronze Alternative PCP POS	Bronze HMO BlueCare Prime with Added Dental and Vision Benefits	\$419	\$539	29%	\$24	\$79	234%	\$24	\$79	234%	
Litchfield	Passage Bronze Alternative PCP POS	Bronze HMO BlueCare Prime with Added Dental and Vision Benefits	\$453	\$539	19%	\$44	\$72	63%	\$44	\$72	63%	
Middlesex	Passage Bronze Alternative PCP POS	Bronze HMO BlueCare Prime with Added Dental and Vision Benefits	\$453	\$585	29%	\$16	\$61	284%	\$16	\$61	284%	
New Haven	Passage Bronze Alternative PCP POS	Bronze HMO BlueCare Prime with Added Dental and Vision Benefits	\$453	\$585	29%	\$13	\$86	589%	\$13	\$86	589%	
New London	Passage Bronze Alternative PCP POS	Bronze HMO BlueCare Prime with Added Dental and Vision Benefits	\$453	\$516	14%	\$42	\$58	37%	\$42	\$58	37%	
Tolland	Passage Bronze Alternative PCP POS	Bronze HMO BlueCare Prime with Added Dental and Vision Benefits	\$453	\$516	14%	\$38	\$58	52%	\$38	\$58	52%	
Windham	Passage Bronze Alternative PCP POS	Bronze HMO BlueCare Prime with Added Dental and Vision Benefits	\$453	\$516	14%	\$39	\$58	49%	\$38	\$58	52%	

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Simplified 2022 Renewal Example

- Ted is 29 in 2023 (28 in 2022), single, lives in Fairfield and has an annual income in 2022 of roughly \$25,760 or 200% FPL
  - Ted's subsidy calculation is based on his income, the "maximum contribution % of household income" and the 2nd lowest cost silver plan (benchmark)
  - Due to changes in the subsidy calculation metrics, the maximum monthly subsidy is increasing in 2023 from \$486 to \$546
- Ted enrolled in the lowest cost silver plan in 2022 so he could get cost sharing reductions at an 87% actuarial value
- Ted has an increase in the before subsidy premium of \$65, the after subsidy premium increase is \$6
- Ted could choose to switch to the lowest cost <u>bronze</u> plan, which is from Anthem, and have a \$1 monthly premium after subsidies, but he will be forgoing costsharing reduction subsidies he is eligible to receive



Simplified 2023 Renewal Example

	2022	2023	2023	2023
	Enrolled in lowest cost Silver plan	Auto Renewal: Same plan <u>is</u> the lowest cost Silver option	Active Renewal: Select the lowest cost <u>Gold</u> Plan Available	Active Renewal: Select the lowest cost <u>Bronze</u> Plan Available
	Rates Before Subsidy		\$557	\$495
Subsidy	\$486		\$546	
Rates After Subsidy	\$6	\$11	\$11	\$1
\$ Change		\$5	\$5	(\$5)
% Change		89%	90%	-84%
Average Out-of- Pocket per Month (WACA*,Northeast, 25-29)	\$29	\$29	\$50	\$59

Reference to "lowest cost" reflects premium rate only. Subsidies may not be used for nonessential health benefits.

\*Wakely ACA Database ("WACA") contains detailed claims, eligibility and premium data from 2020 Edge Servers from participating issuers.



Simplified 2023 Renewal Example

- Karen is 56 in 2023 (55 in 2022), single, lives in Fairfield and has an annual income of \$55,000 in 2022 which is above the 400% FPL threshold
  - Karen is eligible for subsidies under the extension of the subsidies under the Inflation Reduction Act which limit her premium costs to 8.5% of her income
- Karen enrolled in the lowest cost silver plan in 2022
- The plan has an increase in the before subsidy premium rate of \$151
- Karen could choose to switch to the lowest cost <u>bronze</u> plan to minimize her rate increase in 2023



Simplified 2023 Renewal Example

	2022	2023	2023	2023
	Enrolled in lowest cost Silver plan	Auto Renewal: Same plan <u>is</u> the lowest cost Silver option (On Exchange)	Active Renewal: Select the lowest cost Gold Plan Available (On Exchange)	Active Renewal: Select the lowest cost Bronze Plan Available (On Exchange)
Rates Before Subsidy	\$1,010	\$1,162	\$1,162	\$1,032
Subsidy	\$695	\$842	\$842	\$842
Rates After Subsidy	\$315	\$319	\$320	\$190
\$ Change		\$4	\$5	(\$125)
% Change		2%	2%	-40%
Average Out-of-Pocket per Month (WACA*,Northeast, 55-59)	\$95	\$95	\$81	\$108

Reference to "lowest cost" reflects premium rate only.

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## Public Health Emergency Unwinding Update



### Public Health Emergency (PHE) Update

- Over 390k enrollees currently benefit from extended HUSKY coverage
- HHS announced 90-day PHE renewal on October 13, 2022
  - Federal government promised states 60 days prior notice of end of PHE
- AHCT continues to delay action on open verification requirements for QHP customers for the duration of the PHE.
- Preparation for the eventual end of the PHE is well underway. Coordination with DSS includes:
  - Reverting eligibility/enrollment requirements to pre-PHE thresholds/configurations
  - Planning unwind schedule, enrollment volume, and renewal rules
  - Communication strategy and coordination with internal/external stakeholders
  - Operational readiness for increased customer support



## **ACA Policy/Legal Update**



# **ACA Policy/Legal Update**

### • Final Rule on Family Glitch

- For 2023 Premium Tax Credit Eligibility Determinations
- Changes eligibility standards for family members of employee
- Minimum Value standards for family coverage

- Braidwood Management v. Becerra
  - Briefing schedule will go through mid-January 2023



### **Future Agenda Items**



## Adjournment

