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# Connecticut's Health Care Landscape: *Looking Ahead to 2019*

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## What We'll Cover:

- Upcoming state elections & their potential impact on health care
- Medicaid
- CHW certification
- Payment reform



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# Upcoming State Elections

- November 6<sup>th</sup>: new Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller, Attorney General, Secretary of the State, 187 legislators.
- What health care priorities and knowledge will they bring?
- What is the future of the Lieutenant Governor's Health Care Cabinet?



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# Upcoming State Elections

- What changes, if any, will be proposed to the Medicaid program?
- Who will be the Commissioners of Social Services & Public Health?
- Who will be the Chairs of the Human Services, Public Health & Appropriations Committees?



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# State Medicaid Program (HUSKY)

- Currently run through an “Administrative Services Organization” (ASO) structure – most states use managed care.

*Potential proposals include:*

- Move back to managed care
- Change to eligibility limits
- Change to service package (look at Optional Services, like Adult Dental)



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# State Medicaid Program (HUSKY)

*Potential proposals include:*

- Implementation of copays for services or prescriptions
- Work requirements
- Changes at the federal level, which could lead to time limitations or a complete restructuring



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# CHW Certification

- Lots of movement towards the possibility of CHW Certification!
- Continued studies demonstrating positive impact of CHWs on health outcomes
- New governor and legislature can look for funding models to sustain this needed work



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# Payment Reform

- Discussion nationally and here in CT (mostly through the State Innovation Model (SIM) Program) around changing how health care is paid
- Move from volume to value
- Will need to continue to pay attention to SIM efforts, including Primary Care Modernization





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# Questions?

*Get in touch!*

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