CT General Assembly Session Timeline

- **January 9**: Legislative Session begins; legislators and Governor take office.
- **Through February 20**: Individual legislators & committees introduce bills.
- **February 20**: Governor proposes budget for 7/1/19-6/30/21.
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**Mid-February through Mid-April**
Public hearings on policy and budget proposals.

**Mid-March through Early May**
Committees vote on moving bills forward. Appropriations Committee proposes its own budget.

**By June 5**
House & Senate vote on bills, including the state budget*. Session ends June 5**.

* Probably a compromise between the Governor’s & Appropriations Committee’s versions.
** If the work is not done, they can call themselves into Special Session.
How To Know What’s Going On

www.cga.ct.gov

The Connecticut General Assembly web site is your place to:
• Identify your state legislators
• See what committee meetings/hearings are coming up
• See what bills are introduced
• Read current and old bills and reports
• ...and more!
How Else to Know What’s Going On

• Read local media outlets that are focused on policy issues, including CT Mirror & CT NewsJunkie

• Check web sites of groups like CT Voices, CHCACT, CT Nonprofit Alliance

• Get on mailing lists for newsletters from advocacy groups, like CT Voices, CT Oral Health Initiative, CT Association of School-Based Health Centers, CT Association for Basic Human Needs
How Can YOU Make an Impact?

And you can always contact your legislators!
- Email
- Phone
- Hard copy letter
- Formal meetings
- Informal meetings
Proposals We’re Expecting or Watching

1. Medicaid services & eligibility
   • Reduction in HUSKY A parents eligibility from 155% to 138%
   • Reduction in eligibility for the Medicare Savings Program
   • Reduction in services, such as adult dental

2. Cash Assistance
   • Temporary Family Assistance – increase in benefit to allow the purchase of diapers

3. Nonemergency Medical Transportation
   • Solutions to system operation

4. Public Insurance Option
   • State-level or National
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5. Telehealth: HUSKY coverage for real time telemedicine, remote patient monitoring, and eConsults, including for federally-qualified health centers

6. Professionalization (licensing/certification/billing) of Community Health Workers

7. Prescription Drug Prices

8. Prevention of Lead Poisoning
   • Would require local health departments to investigate the cause of lead poisoning when a child’s blood lead level is 5 µg/dL or more.

9. The unknown!
Questions?

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