



## Keep Connecticut the Insurance Capital of the World

Connecticut is home to some of the largest insurers in the world and our economy is heavily reliant upon the jobs they provide. Likewise, residents of the state of Connecticut have access to a full range of health insurance options in both the private market and via the state's health insurance exchange known as Access Health CT. The Connecticut Department of Insurance is empowered to assure that consumers are protected and that carriers adhere to the most rigorous practice standards. It's an arrangement that makes perfect sense in a state that has long prided itself on being the "Insurance Capital of the World."

## "Public Option" Legislation Puts All That At-Risk!

By instituting an expanded government-run health care system under the Office of the Comptroller, the private insurance market will erode and Connecticut jobs will be lost. When municipal governments and small employers look for an alternative after their three-year lock-in under the Comptroller's plan expires, they'll be hard pressed to find a replacement because there won't be a competitive market left. Instead, there will be one system wholly dependent upon the political philosophy of whomever resides in the Comptroller's seat at that particular time. Given the broad or limitless authority granted to the Comptroller's Office under multiple legislative proposals under consideration, it's anyone's guess what the future will hold under a "public option" system of care.

Because Connecticut is known as the "Insurance Capital of the World" we are a target for the universal health care movement with advocates believing that if they can get elements of single-payer passed here, they can get them passed anywhere. Our voices must be heard because our consumers deserve a competitive market and our insurance jobs matter. ***Insurance Matters to CT.***