
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6709

AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS HEALTH CT.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange (i.e., Access Health CT) to implement an enhanced direct enrollment process for qualified health plan (QHP) issuers or web brokers licensed in Connecticut to directly enroll prospective enrollees in QHPs. The exchange must do this (1) for the open enrollment periods beginning on November 1, 2023, and November 1, 2024; (2) in consultation with the Department of Social Services; and (3) following the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' rules and regulations.

Under the bill, "enhanced direct enrollment" (EDE) is a service that allows QHP issuers or web brokers to access the exchange platform to directly enroll prospective enrollees in QHPs. (In practice, EDE allows a QHP issuer, for example, to complete an insured's enrollment process through its own website.) A QHP is a health benefit plan offered on the exchange that meets federal Affordable Care Act requirements and related state requirements (CGS § 38a-1086).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 10 Nay 2 (03/16/2023)