



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6709

January Session, 2023



AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS HEALTH CT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 38a-1085 of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The exchange shall make qualified health plans available to
4 qualified individuals and qualified employers for coverage beginning
5 on or before January 1, 2014.

6 (b) (1) The exchange shall not make available any health benefit plan
7 that is not a qualified health plan.

8 (2) The exchange shall allow a health carrier to offer a plan that
9 provides limited scope dental benefits meeting the requirements of
10 Section 9832(c)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code through the
11 exchange, either separately or in conjunction with a qualified health
12 plan, if the plan provides pediatric dental benefits meeting the
13 requirements of Section 1302(b)(1)(J) of the Affordable Care Act.

14 (c) Neither the exchange nor a health carrier offering health benefit
15 plans through the exchange shall charge an individual a fee or penalty
16 for termination of coverage if the individual enrolls in another type of
17 minimum essential coverage because (1) the individual has become
18 newly eligible for that coverage, or (2) the individual's employer-

19 sponsored coverage has become affordable under the standards of
20 Section 36B(c)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

21 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of title 38a, for the open
22 enrollment periods beginning on November 1, 2023, and November 1,
23 2024, the exchange shall, in consultation with the Department of Social
24 Services, implement an enhanced direct enrollment process in
25 accordance with applicable rules and regulations adopted by the
26 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for any qualified
27 health plan issuer or web broker licensed in this state to directly enroll
28 any prospective enrollee in a qualified health benefit plan through the
29 exchange. For purposes of this subsection, "enhanced direct
30 enrollment" means a service that allows any qualified health plan
31 issuer or web broker licensed in this state to access the exchange
32 platform on behalf of any prospective enrollee to directly enroll such
33 prospective enrollee in a qualified health benefit plan through the
34 exchange.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	38a-1085

INS *Joint Favorable Subst.*