

SustiNet Stakeholders

- ◆ AARP-CT
- ◆ American Cancer Society
- ◆ Connecticut Health Foundation
- ◆ Connecticut AFL-CIO
- ◆ Connecticut State Medical Society
- ◆ Connecticut Association of REALTORS
- ◆ Foundation for Community Health
- ◆ Interfaith Fellowship for Universal Health Care
- ◆ Small Business for a Healthy Connecticut

**This is just a partial list of groups that helped develop and advocate for SustiNet. For a complete list, please contact the Foundation.*

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Setting the Record Straight on SustiNet

Connecticut's Health Care Law

- ◆ Spends dollars more wisely
- ◆ Saves the state money
- ◆ Offers coverage for all



SustiNet is designed to sustain the health of our state.

SustiNet

What you need to know now

This pamphlet is designed to provide candidates, legislators and others who care about the future of the state's health and health care system with factual information about SustiNet, the state's health care law which passed in 2009.

What is SustiNet?

- ◆ A Connecticut-specific, phased-in approach to health reform that addresses cost, quality and access.
- ◆ The result of health policy research and economic studies by a team of national experts, residents, businesses and leading organizations around the state.
- ◆ A quality, affordable health care plan that works hand-in-glove with national reform to cover all residents and bring much-needed new federal dollars into the state.
- ◆ More choice, more security and more savings for residents and businesses.

SustiNet's Savings

The following projections on the economic impact and benefits of SustiNet once fully implemented are based on research by health economist Jonathan Gruber of MIT, the Urban Institute and health policy experts in CT*:

- ◆ Saves Connecticut businesses and individuals combined \$1.3 billion in 2014.
- ◆ Individuals will save an average of \$875 a year in premiums and out-of-pocket and expenses.
- ◆ Paves the way for \$800 million new federal dollars to the state.

*From *SustiNet By the Numbers*, www.universalhealthct.org

SustiNet's Key Features

- ◆ A new health insurance plan open in 2012 to businesses, municipalities, nonprofits, the uninsured and self-employed to join voluntarily.
- ◆ Each person's care is coordinated by a qualified health professional, improving health and saving money.
- ◆ Focuses on prevention and more effective treatment of chronic illnesses.

Why is SustiNet Important Now?

Although SustiNet and the new federal Patient Protection Affordable Care Act add up to many positives for the people and business in our state, distortions and myths about its cost and purpose persist. SustiNet leads the way and finishes the job of federal reform. It will cover those left uncovered under national reform – as many as 200,000 people – and help thousands of residents with inadequate health coverage.

January 1, 2011 is a critical date for SustiNet.

SustiNet was designed to be rolled out over the next four to six years. Right now, the 11-member SustiNet Health Partnership Board* along with 160 volunteer experts is working to develop specific recommendations for the blueprint's full implementation due January 1, 2011. State lawmakers **must** approve the plan to clear the way for the new quality, affordable health care choice to be offered in 2012.

*Board reports are available at www.CT.gov/SustiNet