

SustiNet Recommendations

Current Status of Implementation Through Other Initiatives

	SustiNet	2012 Initiatives
Coverage	New, non-profit health plan that promotes competition based on value (lower cost, higher quality) to be offered both inside and outside the Exchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSMS/CSMS IPA application to start CO-OP insurance plan • Speaker’s Working Group on Small Business Health Care recommends requiring insurers to rate and offer health plans to associations; pursuing non-profit and public alternatives to private insurance • Business Plan Work Group of SustiNet Health Care Cabinet analyzing alternatives to current insurance market
	Expand affordable coverage to lower income populations, with same benefit and out of pocket protections as HUSKY through Basic Health Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Health Program (BHP) legislation to be introduced this session • Health Insurance Exchange (by statute) • SustiNet Health Care Cabinet (by statute) • Business Plan Work Group
	Expand coverage to municipalities, non-profits and small employers by allowing municipalities, non-profits and small businesses to join the state employee health plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal pooling being implemented, with non-profits to follow (Comptroller) • Recommendation by Speaker’s Working Group on Small Business to allow small business to join the state employee plan • Business Plan Work Group
Delivery System and Payment Reform	Patient-Centered Medical Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State employee health plan pilot • HUSKY changed to ASO model, with support for development of PCMH • Large groups: Pro-Health Physicians, Hartford Medical Group • Community Health Center, Inc., other community health centers in process • CSMS IPA assisting small practices • Delivery System Innovation Work Group
	Electronic Health Records	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HITE CT administered by Dept. of Public Health • ehealthCT extension center • Regional health information exchanges • Health Technology Work Group

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	Alternatives to FFS medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACO's forming across the state, but no Pioneer ACO's funded (5 funded in MA, 1 in VT, 1 in ME, 1 in PA) • Medicare payment changes re: hospital readmissions will provide incentives to do better care coordination and follow up (October, 2012); promoting integration of physician, home health and hospital care • Medicare-Medicaid Dual Eligible Planning grant
	Leverage delivery, benefit design and payment reform across all health plans/ populations/ state departments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicaid ASO planning incorporating PCMH, attention to health equity • Medicare-Medicaid Dual Eligible Planning grant • Statewide Multi-Payer Data Initiative • State employee Health Enhancement Program • Medicaid now covers smoking cessation • SustiNet Health Care Cabinet and Office of Health Care Reform and Innovation
Complementary Public Health Initiatives	Workforce initiatives to assure adequate supply, promote primary care, promote care coordination and innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WISH grant to plan for comprehensive health care workforce development • Allied Health Workforce Policy Board • CT Employment and Training Commission has identified health care workforce as a priority
	Public health strategies to support chronic disease prevention and management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Public Health received Community Transformation grant and Chronic Disease prevention and Health Promotion grant
	Health equity addressed in all delivery system and health improvement initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Equity Learning Collaborative grant received by Office of Health Reform and Innovation from National Association of State Health Policy (NASHP) • Connecticut Commission on Health Equity is supporting development of health equity plans for state agencies; also plans to convene health practitioners and public health professionals in May, 2012 • Connecticut Multicultural Health Partnership, housed in Department of Public Health, does ongoing convening and policy development