



October 23, 2007

Dear Health Insurer:

On behalf of the State of Connecticut, I am pleased to provide you with the prospectus for our HUSKY A, HUSKY B and new Charter Oak Health programs. Together, these health plans are designed to offer an affordable, comprehensive series of coverage options for Connecticut children, teenagers and adults. Through a combined procurement process, Connecticut intends to enter into new managed care contracts for these services.

The **HUSKY Plan** (Healthcare for Uninsured Kids and Youth), has been our mainstay health programs for young Connecticut residents since 1998. Currently, nearly 211,000 children are insured through HUSKY A (Medicaid), and 17,000 are insured through HUSKY B (State Children's Health Insurance Program). In addition, 95,000 parents, relative caregivers and pregnant women are insured through HUSKY A.

Connecticut has one of the nation's highest subsidized health coverage levels -- 300% of the federal poverty level for children under 19; 185% of FPL for parents and relative caregivers; and, beginning in January 2008, 250% of FPL for pregnant women (the level is now 185% of FPL). Clearly, our state has initiated and maintained a strong commitment to health coverage for children in low- and moderate-income families, as well as low-income parents. The re-procurement of managed care contracts for the HUSKY Plan will continue this tradition.

The Connecticut General Assembly approved my proposal for the **Charter Oak Health Plan** to cover another part of our population --adults too old for HUSKY but too young for Medicare. These are the adults from 19 to 64, including new graduates, the self-employed, the unemployed, young retirees, those without children, and those who can't afford or can't access coverage through the workplace. Scheduled to begin July 1, 2008, Charter Oak is the newest and most promising development on the Connecticut health coverage landscape -- designed as a private-public partnership to offer affordable health care products with a premium assistance mechanism built in for lowest-income enrollees.

Your interest in learning more about participating as a health care partner with us in the HUSKY and Charter Oak Health Plans is greatly appreciated. I hope you will closely review the prospectus and respond to our combined request for proposals when issued by the Department of Social Services in November 2007. In the meantime, for further information or to join the RFP notification list, please contact us at our internet mailbox: [DSS.HealthCare@ct.gov](mailto:DSS.HealthCare@ct.gov) or write to: Healthcare Procurement, Commissioner's Office, Connecticut Department of Social Services  
25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5033

Thank you, and regards from the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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Governor