

MCOs shouldn't come back into HUSKY

Governor Lamont is [considering](#) a plan to, once again, have private insurance managed care plans (MCOs) run Connecticut's Medicaid program.

From 1996 to 2012, MCOs ran Connecticut Medicaid, and there were big problems.

- Many doctors left the program and brought a lawsuit against the MCOs
- A state audit found the state overpaid MCOs by millions of dollars
- The state couldn't get information from the MCOs to make sure they stuck to their contracts and promises

Since the MCOs left Connecticut Medicaid, access and quality have improved, and we lead the nation in cost control.

- Connecticut is now saving \$4 billion each year in our budget to use for other priorities
- HUSKY is in the top quarter of US Medicaid programs in most quality measures
- After the MCOs left HUSKY, cancer survival rates rose 8%
- Over a dozen independent studies have found no evidence that Medicaid MCOs save money or improve access to care in other states

HUSKY members have a lot to lose if MCOs come back

- It would be harder to get appointments and necessary medications
- Fewer providers accepting Medicaid patients
- There will be more administrative hurdles to get the care you need
- Cuts to home health and nursing home care
- No increase to provider payment rates, improvements in primary care, and no expansions of access to mental health and substance use treatment

These problems would fall hardest on seniors, people with disabilities, nursing home residents, people who need home care, and communities of color.

Contact Governor Lamont's Office – tell him Don't bring MCOs back into HUSKY
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