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## The Public Option: An Idea Whose Time Has (Finally) Come?



With [competition shrinking](#) and rates rising in many Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplaces, the idea of a [public option](#) is being raised more and more frequently as a possible approach to stabilizing the marketplaces. A public option is a government-based health insurance plan, similar to Medicare, that could compete in the health insurance marketplaces.

## Highlights from Sept Access Health CT Board Meeting



With 39 days until Open Enrollment, the Access Health CT (AHCT) September Board meeting was chock full of guest presentations and information.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplaces have been in the news a lot, lately.

## Health Care Cabinet dives deeper, considers input into health care proposal



Last week the Health Care Cabinet met on September 13 to dig deeper into a discussion of the health care cost containment and quality improvement reforms that they will recommend to the Connecticut General Assembly in a report due on December 1, 2016. This effort, mandated by a [2015 omnibus health care bill](#), has been the major work of the Cabinet this year.

## With no broker fees, will Obamacare customers get enough shopping help?



Shopping for health insurance isn't easy for most people, but for Branden Weaver, the stakes are especially high: His two young sons are on the autism spectrum, and he and his wife are determined to ensure they have a health plan that covers the practitioners who treat them.

["It is entirely unacceptable for insurers and providers to use patients as pawns in their battle to increase profits."](#)

Senate President Martin Looney

-New Haven Register

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