



# HEALTH CARE HEADLINES 2021



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## This is urgent!

The Public Options Bill (SB 842) will go before the Finance Committee next week. Insurers are pulling out all the stops to threaten Governor Lamont so that they can keep raking in their record profits.

**Don't let this happen! [Use this link](#) to send your letter today to the members of the Finance Committee. Tell them that small businesses and nonprofits need better choices for quality, affordable health care.**

92% of CT residents surveyed agree, across party lines, that the government should expand health insurance options so everyone can afford quality coverage.

...so what are we waiting for?



## Last week was Health Equity Week.

Frances G. Padilla, president of Universal Health Care, used it as a time to consider what the path toward justice is.

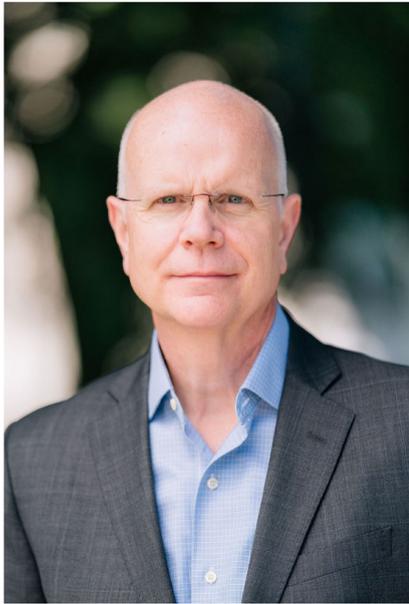
"Justice is within reach if we are willing to disrupt the status quo to achieve it. The American Public Health Association offers six key principles for advancing health equity. I believe these principles can help set a path toward justice. They are:..." [Read more.](#)

## Community Health Centers need our help

On April 7, we held the first of four planned conversations in our series, *Beyond COVID-19: Connecting Communities, Health and Care*; with the focus was on how community health centers have responded to the many challenges posed by COVID-19. In a conversation moderated by foundation president Frances Padilla, Nichelle Mullins of Charter Oak Health Center in Hartford and Joanne Borduras of Community Health and Wellness Center in Torrington compared their experiences responding to the crisis, focusing on the creativity and innovation that emerged that should must be carried forward once the pandemic is behind us. [Watch here.](#)



**P.S.** - There are many ways YOU can help your local Community Health Center right now. [Use this link](#) to find the one nearest to you, and take this as your sign to do something special for them, whether that means writing a thank-you note, buying them lunch, or letting your legislators know how important they are to your community.



## 5 Millionaire Health Insurance CEOs sent a threatening letter to Gov. Lamont re: SB 842.

Comptroller Kevin Lembo responded. He said: "The wishes of five multi-millionaires don't outweigh the needs of the other residents of Connecticut, the overwhelming majority of whom know health care is not affordable and want their government to do something about it. I'm grateful that the industry is finally publicly stating the threats they've been making behind closed doors to

lawmakers for years. It makes this choice stark: are legislators going to serve their constituents or do five corporations determine what becomes law in our state? I have faith that they will make the right decision and help bring about the change our constituents are demanding." [Read his full statement here.](#)

As always, [tell us what you'd like to hear more about](#) so you can see the latest on all the issues you care about.

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