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**COMPTROLLER LEMBO COMMENDS UNITEDHEALTH
PLEDGE TO CONTINUE HEALTH REFORM PROTECTIONS
REGARDLESS OF SUPREME COURT RULING**

Comptroller Kevin Lembo today commended UnitedHealthcare Group after the company pledged that – regardless of the fate of federal reform following a U.S. Supreme Court ruling – it will voluntarily continue critical health care reform provisions that protect patients.

Those provisions include preventive health care services without co-pays; continuing dependent coverage up to age 26; eliminating lifetime dollar limits on policies; no retroactive termination or cancellation of coverage, except in cases of fraud and failure to pay premiums; and providing a fair, simple and accessible appeals process.

“UnitedHealthcare deserves recognition for pledging to do the right thing – regardless of how the high court rules,” Lembo said. “These patient protections are a cornerstone of federal reform and basic fairness in our health care system. UnitedHealthcare’s decision should be a model all health carriers, well before the U.S. Supreme Court rules.”

UnitedHealthcare is one of two health carriers that serve as the third-party administrators for the state health plan – and is the sole third-party administrator for the CT Partnership Plan for municipalities and boards of education.

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