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## COMPTROLLER SEAN SCANLON ANNOUNCES STATE PARTNERSHIP PLAN RATES TO SEE MINIMAL INCREASE NEXT FISCAL YEAR

2% increase falls below many private insurers for municipalities and boards of education

(HARTFORD, CT) – Comptroller Sean Scanlon today announced that the Partnership Plan is anticipating a 2% rate increase effective July 1, 2024, the start of the next fiscal year.

The Partnership Plan, which allows non-state public employers to participate in the state employee health plan, provides quality healthcare to teachers, police, firefighters, and other municipal workers. This allows the Office of the State Comptroller to leverage the more than 250,000 members of the plans to negotiate the best available services at optimal prices across a broad range of providers.

"My office continues to use its bargaining power to ensure low-cost, high-quality care for our state employees and the more than 50,000 lives enrolled in the Partnership Plan," **said Comptroller Sean Scanlon.** "Joining the Partnership Plan can save municipalities money amid private plan increases that are, in many cases, unsustainable. And municipalities can help their employees save money through the supplemental programs and enhanced coverage of the Plan."

Due to the effects of the pandemic, prior Partnership Plan rate increases led select groups to seek insurance on the private market. Despite this decline in membership, though, the Plan has continued to offer competitive rates for high-quality health insurance coverage. With only a 2% increase anticipated for the upcoming fiscal year and due to the fact that many of the private plans available for municipalities and boards of education are reporting double digit rate increases, multiple municipal groups across the state are already in the process of joining the Partnership Plan.

The Connecticut Partnership Plan, established under Public Act 15-93 and launched in January 2016, offers non-state public employers the choice to participate in the state employee health plan. It currently provides top-quality health care benefits at reasonable rates to 160 groups including over 50,000 municipal, boards of education, and other non-state public employees and their families in Connecticut.

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