

## A Message to State Employees

This message is to notify all state employees that, after a highly competitive and collaborative selection process and pending successful contract negotiations, the state has selected Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem) to administer the state health plan under terms that will vastly improve the way state health care is administered in order to ensure high-quality patient care.

This means that – effective July 1 – all health benefits for active state employees and their dependents on the State of Connecticut health plan will be administered by Anthem. UnitedHealthcare will continue to provide coverage for retirees and their Medicare-eligible dependents under the state's Medicare Advantage program.

In the coming months, the Office of the State Comptroller will be providing updates to all state employees about new expanded health benefits and features now under development that will be designed to make it easier for state employees and their dependents to utilize their health benefits more effectively – and to more easily access the highest-quality health care providers.

Again, the transition of all employees to Anthem for health benefits administration will be effective July 1. We will provide more information as the May open enrollment period approaches.

Until then, frequently asked questions and other details about this update are available here: <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u>