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**COMPTROLLER LEMBO COMMENDS ANTHEM & HARTFORD  
HEALTHCARE FOR CONTRACT RESOLUTION; ANNOUNCES  
AGREEMENT TO PILOT NEW INTEGRATED CARE PROGRAM**

Comptroller Kevin Lembo today commended Anthem and Hartford HealthCare for reaching a contract agreement, while announcing a new commitment between his office and both parties to improve health-care quality, control costs and establish an unprecedented pilot to coordinate care for patients with chronic conditions.

"Our office has been engaged with Hartford HealthCare and Anthem for several weeks to assist in reaching an outcome that protects patient access to both the hospitals and associated groups," Lembo said "I am grateful that this contract agreement will prevent any disruption in service to patients, including state employees, retirees and their families.

"These discussions have also produced a collaboration involving these partners, the state, The Connecticut Coalition of Health Funds and other employers to improve the quality and control the costs of health care for our members and others. Specifically, we will be working closely with Hartford HealthCare's physician group, Integrated Care Partners (ICP), to pilot innovative integrated care programs in areas like chronic care management.

"Individuals with chronic conditions such as diabetes, COPD, and heart disease are major contributors to our total health care costs, particularly when health care is not effectively and efficiently delivered. We have, therefore, agreed to create programs of coordinated care for these patients that should improve their health and reduce high-cost services such as hospitalizations.

"I look forward to working with all partners involved here to produce better health-care outcomes that benefit patients, as well as taxpayers."

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