

CSEA Endorses in 72 Races Across Connecticut

This year we have a lot of seats up for election - every single seat in the General Assembly - Senate and House - plus all five Congressional seats and one federal Senate seat as well as the following statewide offices: Governor, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, and Secretary of State.

With so many seats up for grabs, and so much at stake, it is more im-

portant than ever to ensure that we elect pro-worker candidates who share our union values

Please review the list of endorsed candidates on page 4 and be on the lookout for postcards, emails and text messages reminding you to vote for pro-worker candidates in your district!

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ABOVE (Left to Right): Roger Ives, Tom Connolly, Win Heimer, Jen McClarney, Queen FreeLove and Travis Woodward attend the SEIU Endorsement Interview for Governor Ned Lamont on Saturday, September 24th.



ABOVE: Candidate for Comptroller Sean Scanlon attended the Council 400 Picnic last month.



ABOVE: CSEA President Travis Woodward stands with Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro.



ABOVE: CSEA President Travis Woodward volunteers to knock doors for Senator Jorge Cabrera with Hamden Mayor Lauren Garrett.

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81st Anniversary Convention

Friday, October 14th at the Aquaturf

Aetna Transition Update

For Members on the State Medicare Advantage Program

By now all state retirees should have received a letter from the Office of the State Comptroller stating that anyone age 65 and over (i.e Medicare eligible) will be transitioning to the Aetna Medicare Advantage plan effective January 1, 2023. This means that those currently enrolled in the UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage plan will be transitioning to Aetna at that time. CSEA leaders

are working hard to assure that the transition goes smoothly. **It is important to remember that coverage and benefits remain the same - it is only the insurance carrier that will change.**

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What exactly does that mean? Do I need to do anything?

The only thing you will have to do is provide your new Aetna Medicare Advantage Card to your physicians and pharmacy.

Your prescriptions and any procedures or surgeries you have scheduled should transfer right over and your physicians should not need to provide a new prescription or any additional prior authorizations. You will receive your new card in December. You do not need to request this new Aetna card; it will

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 CSEA, 760 CAPITOL AVE., HARTFORD, CT 06106

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MEETING DATES

The Council 400 Delegates Meeting is always held on the third Thursday of the month.

The October Delegates Meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting on Thursday, October 20th at 10am at the CSEA Union Hall

Chapter 401 (Hartford area):
Thursday, November 3rd - 1pm for meeting,
lunch at 12:30 - RSVP
CSEA Union Hall
760 Capitol Ave. Hartford
Please RSVP for this meeting if attending in person
Patrice Peterson: (860) 523-1480

Chapter 402 (Danbury area):
Wednesday, October 12th - 10am
United Methodist Church
5 Clapboard Ridge Rd. Danbury
Linda Albanese: (860) 354-6965

Chapter 403 (Norwich area):
Tuesday, October 11th - 1:30pm
Rose City Senior Center
8 Mahan Drive., Norwich
Carol Burgess: (860) 859-3641

Chapter 404 (Waterbury area):
Tuesday, October 11th - 10am
Trinity Orthodox Church
937 Chase Parkway, Waterbury
John Quinn: (203) 804-0189

Chapter 405 (New Haven area):
Rather than hold a regular Chapter Meeting,
Chapter 405 will attend Aetna Informational
Meeting.
Thursday, October 13th - 10am or 2pm
Cascade Fine Catering
480 Sherman Ave. Hamden, CT 06514
Ron Osokow: (203) 671-7685

Chapter 406 (Middletown area):
Tuesday, October 11th
FREE Pizza Luncheon at 12pm
Chapter Meeting starts at 1pm
American Legion Post 75
58 Bernie O'Rourke Dr., Middletown
Joe Formica: (860) 347-4532

Chapter 407 (Bridgeport area):
Wednesday, October 19th - 1pm
St. Josephs of Stratford National Catholic
Church
1300 Stratford Rd., Stratford (on Rt. 113)
Kevin Sullivan: (860) 951-6614 x 118

Chapter 408 (Willimantic area):
Thursday, October 13th - 12:30pm
Guest Speaker: Representative Joe Courtney
Mansfield Senior Center
303 Maple Ave. Mansfield
Doug Racicot: (860) 234-2537

Chapter 409 (State University Professors)
Friday, October 21st - 10am
CSEA Union Hall & via Zoom
760 Capitol Ave., Hartford
Dave Walsh: (860) 684-4773

Chapter 410 (Windsor Locks area):
Monday, October 17th - 1pm
Suffield Senior Center
145 Bridge St., Suffield
Guest Speaker: State Senator Dr. Saud Anwar
Amelia Smith: (860) 687-1848

Chapter 411 (Rocky Hill area):
We will be having a Holiday Luncheon in December,
information will be posted here and sent by email.
Subby Puglisi: 860-836-4009

Chapter 412 (Putnam area):
Tuesday, October 18th - 1:30pm
Guest Speaker: Kevin P. Sullivan, Council 400
Organizer
Putnam Town Hall
200 School St., Putnam
Don Gladding: (860) 933-9998

Chapter 414 (Torrington area):
Monday, October 17th - 10am
Guest Speaker: Bernadette Conway,
Director of Retiree Services at CSEA
Cooperative Extension Service Building,
843 University Dr, Torrington, CT 06790
Karen Pineman: (860) 354-6727

Chapter 415 (Manchester area):
Monday, October 24th - 1pm
Elks Lodge
30 Bissell St., Manchester, CT
Stuart Clark: (860) 205-0657 (c)
(860) 454-4818 (h)

Chapter 416 (New London area):
Tuesday, October 11th - 12pm
Guest Speaker: Kevin P. Sullivan, Council 400
Organizer
Groton Public Library
52 Newtown Rd., Groton
John Knaff (860) 857-4244

Chapter 417 (Plainville area):
Wednesday, November 9th - 1pm
Plainville Public Library - Auditorium
56 East Main St., Plainville
Mark Kirschner: (860) 882-2717

Chapter 418 (Community College Retirees):
Tuesday, November 1st - 10am
Guest Speaker: Ted Doolittle, Healthcare Advocate for the State of CT
4C's Union Hall
907 Wethersfield Ave, Hartford
Bill Searle (860) 745-3692

Chapter 422 (Ocala, FL area):
Saturday, October 22 - 1:30pm - 5pm
Cross Florida Greenway - Baseline Road Trailhead
4255 SE 58th Street, Ocala, FL 34480
Cookout with Hamburgers and Hotdogs,
Various Salads, Fixings, Water
Event is \$7 for CSEA members and \$9 for guests
Children under the age of 10 are FREE
Checks are to be made payable to "CSEA Chapter 422"
RSVP by October 15th to:
Hilda M. Spotts 513 Fairways Cr. Unit A.
Ocala, FL 34472

Aetna Transition Update for State Medicare Advantage Program

continued from page 1 automatically be sent. The Comptroller's letter provided a customer service phone number for Aetna, that you can call in advance if you have any specific questions. That phone number is 1-855-648-0391 Monday through Friday 8AM-9PM, or you can visit www.CT.AetnaMedicare.com to learn more. In addition, in the coming weeks,

Aetna will hold regional meetings for retirees to learn about the transition and to ask questions.

The letter from Aetna also provided information about opting out of this plan. It is a federal requirement from Medicare that you receive **information on how to opt out.** **CSEA STRONGLY URGES THAT YOU DO NOT OPT OUT OF THE PLAN!**

THIS IS THE SAME COVERAGE THAT YOU HAVE NOW, JUST A DIFFERENT

CARRIER. You've worked hard in your state career to achieve these retiree health benefits and you should not give those benefits up!

It is important to clarify that opting out does not allow you to

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Important numbers to have on hand:

Retirement Division Payroll: 860-702-3528

Retirement Division Life Insurance: 860-702-3537

Retirement Division Health Insurance: 860-702-3533

Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield: 1-800-922-2232

CSEA Retiree Organizer, Kevin Sullivan: 860-951-6614 x118

Aetna Customer Service: 1-855-648-0391

UnitedHealthcare Dedicated Hearing Aid line: 1-855-523-8355

UnitedHealthcare: 1-888-803-9217

Caremark: 1-800-318-2572

Cigna: 1-800-244-6224

HEP Care Management Solutions: 1-877-687-1448 or visit them at their portal:

<https://www.connect2yourhealth.com/ParticipantPortal/Default.aspx>

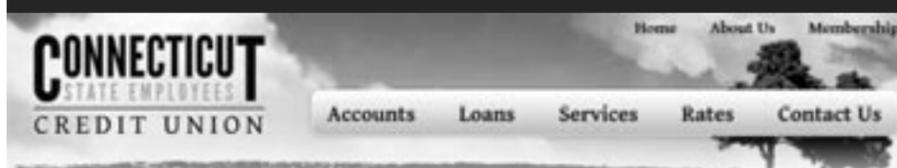
**Gone too Soon:
CSEA Members Who Have Passed On**

The Office of the State Comptroller has provided CSEA with the following members that have recently passed away. Our condolences are with their friends, family and loved ones.

Berry, Donald
 Bolduc, Yolanda
 Bowling, Anita
 Bryenton, Ruth
 Campetelle, Patricia
 Castro, Constance
 Chellgren, Nancy
 Cococcia, Susan
 Courtright, Patricia
 Fogg, Dorothy
 Fuller, Arline
 Geary, John
 Grant, Marilyn
 Gray, Constance
 Hack, Susan
 Hendrick, Georgina
 Jacobucci, Gladys
 Johnson, Ann
 Johnston, Ralph
 Jones, Geraldine
 Kerr, Norma
 Laflamme, Leo
 Lamb, Thomas
 Levitsky, Marcia
 Lohr, Patricia

Main, Jean
 Mclean, Richard
 Metelsky, Laurette
 Mullen, Jacqueline
 Myers, Ralph
 Niesen, Jill
 Nordoff, Suzanne
 Pitkat, Woodrow
 Potenziani, Anne
 Presnick, Barbara
 Riccio, Jeanette
 Roberts, Glennis
 Rusczek, Francis
 Salomone, Peter
 Schlehofer, Doris
 Shea, Marilyn
 Sierra, Palma
 Telford, Alice
 Thomas, Lester
 Tyson, Margaret
 Williams, Leona
 Williams, Richard
 Wood, Emily

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**Closed Columbus Day
Monday, October 10th**

Dividend Rates - Second Quarter 2022

	Dividend Rate	Annual Percentage Yield
REGULAR SHARES	1.01%	1.00%
SHARE DRAFTS (Checking)	0.25%	0.25%
CLUB ACCOUNTS	0.50%	0.50%

Minimum opening balance \$25.00. The annual percentage yield is accurate as of the last dividend declaration date. Rate may change after the account is opened. Fees or other conditions may reduce the earnings on the account.

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MIDDLETOWN Connecticut Valley Hospital P.O. Box 2485 Middletown, CT 06457 (860) 347-0479	STORRS 1244 Storrs Rd. Storrs, CT 06268 (860) 429-9306	SOUTHBURY Southbury Training School P.O. Box 644 Southbury, CT 06488 (203) 267-7610
		NEWINGTON O'Neil Plaza 2434 Berlin Turnpike Newington, CT 06111 (860) 667-7668

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Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th

Get to Know the CSEA Slate of Endorsed Candidates



ABOVE: Jen McClarney, Tolland Paraeducator, asks Governor Lamont a question during his endorsement interview.



ABOVE: CSEA President Travis Woodward discussed our priorities with Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz.



ABOVE: State Senator Matt Lesser joined CSEA members and other allies at the Starbucks "Sip-in" to support workers trying to form a union (Rep. Ed Vargas was also in attendance).

CANDIDATE	OFFICE	DISTRICT
Ned Lamont	Governor	Statewide Office
Susan Bysiewicz	Lt. Governor	Statewide Office
Richard Blumenthal	US Senator	Statewide Office
John Larson	US House	1
Joe Courtney	US House	2
Rosa DeLauro	US House	3
Jim Himes	US House	4
Jahana Hayes	US House	5
William Tong	Attorney General	Statewide Office
Sean Scanlon	Comptroller	Statewide Office
Erick Russell	Treasurer	Statewide Office
Matt Ritter	Representative	1
Maryam Khan	Representative	5
Jason Rojas	Representative	9
Erica Evans	Representative	14
Kate Farrar	Representative	20
Peter Tercyak	Representative	26
Gary Turco	Representative	27
Amy Morrin Bello	Representative	28
Brandon Chafee	Representative	33
Christine Palm	Representative	36
Nicholas Menapace	Representative	37
Nick Gauthier	Representative	38
Christine Conley	Representative	40
Aundre Bumgardner	Representative	41
Ashley Gillece	Representative	43
Christopher Rivers	Representative	48
Kenneth James Trice	Representative	53
Kevin Brown	Representative	56
Jaime Foster	Representative	57
Matt Despard	Representative	59
Jane Garibay	Representative	60
Maria Horn	Representative	64
Ronald Napoli	Representative	73
Andrew Rasmussen-Tuller	Representative	77
Mary Fortier	Representative	79

CANDIDATE	OFFICE	DISTRICT
Josh Elliott	Representative	88
Rebecca Hyland	Representative	90
Pat Dillon	Representative	92
Quentin "Q" Williams	Representative	100
Robin Comey	Representative	102
Kara Rochelle	Representative	104
Phoebe Jennine Holmes	Representative	107
Farley Santos	Representative	109
Bob Godfrey	Representative	110
Frank Smith	Representative	118
Mike Smith	Representative	119
Philip Young	Representative	120
Sujata Gadkar-Wilcox	Representative	123
Jack Hennessey	Representative	127
Jennifer Leeper	Representative	132
Cristin McCarthy Vahey	Representative	133
Sarah Keitt	Representative	134
Kenneth Gucker	Representative	138
Dominique Johnson	Representative	143
Corey Paris	Representative	145
Saud Anwar	Senator	3
MD Rahman	Senator	4
Rick Lopes	Senator	6
Cynthia Mangini	Senator	7
Matt Lesser	Senator	9
Martin Looney	Senator	11
Jan Hochadel	Senator	13
Christopher Robertson	Senator	16
Jorge Cabrera	Senator	17
Catherine Osten	Senator	19
Martha Marx	Senator	20
Christopher Green	Senator	21
Julie Kushner	Senator	24
Bob Duff	Senator	25
Eva Bermúdez Zimmerman	Senator	30
Greg Hahn	Senator	31
Lisa Thomas	Senator	35

Family Child Care Provider News

Noticias para Proveedores de Cuidado Infantil

Family Child Care Provider Highlights Hitos de proveedores de cuidado infantil



On September 3rd, 2022, over 20 child care providers attended their informational Northwest Regional Meeting (Waterbury/Danbury), and were able to enjoy a paint session with host Iris Velazquez, Child Care Council Secretary. Providers do wear many hats!

El 3 de septiembre de 2022, más de 20 proveedoras de cuidado infantil asistieron a su Reunión Regional Informativa de la Región Noroeste (Waterbury/Danbury) y pudieron disfrutar de una sesión de pintura con la anfitriona Iris Velázquez, Secretaria del Consejo de Cuidado Infantil. ¡Las proveedoras si que tienen muchas habilidades!



WHAT A SUCCESS! On August 27th, 2022 (and mid-September for New London region), over 400 providers all over the state were able to receive Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). We would like to thank our Former President Queen Frelove for her diligence with the State of CT on making this available to child care providers at NO COST.

¡QUÉ ÉXITO! El 27 de agosto de 2022 (y mediados de septiembre para la región de New London), más de 400 proveedoras en todo el estado pudieron recibir Equipo de Protección Personal (PPE). Nos gustaría agradecer a nuestra expresidenta Queen Frelove por su diligencia con el estado de CT para poner esto a disposición de las proveedoras de cuidado infantil SIN COSTO.



On August 19-20, child care providers and staff assisted the SEIU EARLY ED CONFERENCE in Chicago IL, where they were able to not only get trained in child care matters, but also give their input on CT wins.

El 19 y 20 de agosto, los proveedores y el staff de cuidado infantil asistieron a la CONFERENCIA DE EDUCACIÓN TEMPRANA DE SEIU en Chicago, IL, donde pudieron no solo capacitarse en materia de cuidado infantil, sino también dar su opinión sobre las victorias de CT.

Reminders / Recordatorio

*We would like to remind ALL Regional Vice Presidents to please submit to Steffi your November's regional meeting date **NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 3RD, 2022**. You can submit it to: smartinez@csea760.com

*Nos gustaría recordar a TODAS las Vicepresidentes Regionales que envíen a Steffi la fecha de su reunión regional de Noviembre **A MÁS TARDAR EL 3 DE OCTUBRE DE 2022**. Puede enviarla a: smartinez@csea760.com

EVENTS 2022

- 10/05 – Health Care Series: Resilience- Via Zoom at 5PM (more info to follow)
- 10/14 – CSEA Biennial Convention -8AM at The Aquaturf Club, Plantsville, CT
- 10/15 – Childcare Providers Brunch with United Way -Danbury (more info to follow)

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- 10/14 – CSEA Convención Bial -8AM en The Aquaturf Club, Plantsville, CT
- 10/15 –Brunch para Proveedoras con United Way -Danbury (mas info a seguir)

Get to Know Your Leaders Conozca A Sus Líderes

Iris Velazquez

Ms. Velazquez, is a licensed child care provider and the owner of Jehovah Jireh Family Daycare in Waterbury, where she has been serving families for three years. Ms. Velazquez was re-elected to be the Secretary of the Child Care Council, where she has been doing an exceptional work and is part of the By-Laws Revision Committee and Alternate Delegate to the Executive Council. Ms. Velazquez participated at the rally of March 15th which was sponsored by the Childcare for CT's Future. Words from Secretary Velazquez: "Together we are stronger." Fun Fact: On her spare time, Ms. Velazquez enjoys working at her other business as a baker where she makes delicious cakes and desserts.

La Sra. Velázquez es una proveedora de cuidado infantil con licencia y propietaria de la guardería familiar Jehová Jireh en Waterbury, donde ha estado sirviendo a las familias durante tres años. La Sra. Velázquez fue reelegida para ser la Secretaria del Concilio de Cuidado Infantil, donde ha estado haciendo un trabajo excepcional y es parte del Comité de Revisión de Estatutos y Delegada Alterna al Concilio. La Sra. Velázquez participó en la manifestación del 15 de marzo que fue patrocinada por Childcare for CT's Future. Palabras del Secretario Velázquez: "Juntos somos más fuertes". Dato curioso: En su tiempo libre, la Sra. Velázquez disfruta trabajar en su otro negocio donde prepara deliciosos pasteles y postres.

Rhonda Knowles

Ms. Knowles is a licensed child care provider and owner Hide And Seek Daycare in West Haven, where she has been serving families for over thirty two years. She has also been a NAFCC accredited provider for the last five years. Ms. Knowles is an active leader in her community and currently is our Professional Development Representative, the Co-Chair of the Apprenticeship Program alongside Commissioner Beth Bye, the former co-president of Family Childcare Networks, a member of the Contract Negotiations Committee, and Delegate for the CSEA Convention Constitution Bylaws Committee for the McCusker Scholarship Fund. Words from Ms. Knowles: "An argument is for the purpose of determining 'who is right.' A discussion is for the purpose of determining 'what is right.'" -Anonymous. Fun Fact: Before entering the Childcare world, Ms. Knowles did international exporting for 10 years.

La Sra. Knowles es una proveedora de cuidado infantil con licencia y propietaria de la guardería Hide And Seek en West Haven, donde ha estado sirviendo a familias durante más de treinta y dos años. También ha sido proveedora acreditada de NAFCC durante los últimos cinco años. La Sra. Knowles es una líder activa en su comunidad y actualmente es nuestra representante de desarrollo profesional, copresidenta del programa de aprendizaje junto con la comisionada Beth Bye, exco-presidenta de Family Childcare Networks, miembro del Comité de Negociaciones de Contratos y Delegado del Comité de Estatutos de la Constitución de la Convención de CSEA para el Fondo de Becas McCusker. Palabras de la Sra. Knowles: "Un argumento tiene el propósito de determinar 'quién tiene razón'. Una discusión tiene el propósito de determinar 'qué es correcto'". -Anónimo. Dato curioso: Antes de ingresar al mundo del cuidado de niños, la Sra. Knowles realizó exportaciones internacionales durante 10 años.

Hartford School Crossing Guard Meeting Notice

Tuesday, December 13th at 10:00AM at the CSEA SEIU Local 2001 Union Hall
(760 Capitol Avenue, Hartford)

Agenda: Nominations and Elections of Officers and Negotiation Team Members

Contacts: Rosa Salto (Rsalto@csea760.com) and Julius Preston (JPreston@csea760.com)

Update on Pandemic Pay Negotiations Between SEBAC & the State

CSEA and SEBAC leadership continue to advocate for pandemic hero pay that will recognize our state members' sacrifices throughout COVID-19.

After months of negotiations, coalition

leaders have opted to enter into arbitration to ensure that front-line essential state workers who sacrificed their health and safety throughout COVID-19 receive a fair and honorable pandemic pay award. We will keep members updated as the arbitrator is selected and a date for the

hearing is set.

All frontline workers, public and private, deserve recognition of the sacrifices they and their families made to keep Connecticut running during the height of the pandemic. CSEA and SEBAC leadership believe the arbitration is a necessary step toward achieving a just and fair settlement for our members.

Council 400 Annual Summer Picnic

Every summer, Council 400 hosts a summer picnic at the Farmington Club where members enjoy good food, fun activities and hear from council leaders and elected officials about what is ahead in the coming year. Thank you to the committee members, Stu Clark (Chair), Bill Dorn and Wayne Duffy, that made this event possible



ABOVE: Attendees enjoy the buffet before the speaking program begins.



ABOVE: Comptroller Candidate Sean Scanlon addresses the crowd.



ABOVE: Attendees of all ages enjoyed the buffet and activities at the annual picnic!



ABOVE: Roger Ives, Treasurer of Council 400, stepped away from his official duties to call Bingo

Public Student Loan Forgiveness Waiver Deadline 10/31

Last year, the U.S. Department of Education announced an overhaul of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program. CSEA members have been vocal in the fight to make higher education more affordable and accessible, so we were thrilled to find that the program will result in over 550,000 borrowers who have previously consolidated seeing an increase in qualifying payments with the average borrower receiving another two years of progress toward forgiveness.

The changes included are outlined later in this article but it is important to note that the deadline to take advantage of these limited programs is rapidly approaching. All required actions must be completed by October 31, 2022.

A limited PSLF waiver is available that allows all payments by student borrowers to count toward PSLF, regardless of loan program or payment plan. This waiver will allow student borrowers to count all payments made on loans from the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program or Perkins Loan Program. It will also

waive restrictions on the type of repayment plan and the requirement that payments be made in the full amount and on-time for all borrowers. To receive these benefits, borrowers will have to submit a PSLF

form by October 31, 2022, which is a single application used to certify employment and evaluate a borrower for forgiveness. You can learn more by scanning the QR code at the end of the article.

Borrowers who currently have FFEL, Perkins, or other non-Direct Loans, will get the benefit of this limited waiver if they apply to consolidate into the Direct Loan program and submit a PSLF form by October 31, 2022. The waiver applies to loans taken out by students.

- **Allowing active duty service members to count deferments and forbearances toward PSLF.** This solves a problem for service members who have paused payments while on active duty but were not getting credit toward PSLF.

- **Automatically providing credit toward PSLF for military service members and federal employees using federal data matches.** The Department will implement data matches next

year to give these borrowers credit toward PSLF without an application.

- **Reviewing denied PSLF applications for errors and giving borrowers the ability to have their PSLF determinations reconsidered.** These actions will help identify and address servicing errors or other issues that have prevented borrowers from getting the PSLF credit they deserve.

Have you applied for PSLF and been denied? Have you thought about applying but you've been confused by the requirements? CSEA is partnering with the Student Loan Fund to get our members connected with the resources they need to take advantage of this limited waiver.

Please join an upcoming webinar - register by scanning the QR code on Page 1. They are being held weekly.

Please note that CSEA staff and leaders will not be able to answer your specific PSLF questions so it is important you take advantage of our partnership with the PSLF experts at the Student Loan Fund.



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Aetna Transition Update for State Medicare Advantage Program

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stay with United because United will no longer administer our plan - instead, opting out means that you are giving up your state-provided health coverage altogether. As such, **if you opt out you would need to wait another year to rejoin the plan, and in that period of time you will not have the same coverage you have now. Any other plan you choose would be inferior to your state retiree health insurance plan and MORE COSTLY.**

Again, as with the last transition in 2018 to the UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage plan, we will be here to help you with any issues you may have and will provide you with any information you need to have!

In a meeting CSEA SEIU Local 2001 had with Aetna and the Comptroller's Office in September, we were notified about upcoming informational presentations including opportunities to meet one on one with Aetna Representatives.

Aetna is asking you to bring a list of your doctors/specialists and a list of your current prescriptions. **Aetna and the Connecticut Comptroller's Office are asking those who plan to attend to RSVP, so it is important that you register in advance by phone or email which are provided below. That will allow them to make sure there are enough staff available to speak to everyone that needs additional assistance.**

These meetings will be held in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Florida. For those outside of CT, MA or FL, virtual meetings and teleconferences will be held (information is below).

Aetna Informational Meetings October 2022

*To RSVP for in-person meetings, just call 1-855-648-0391 (TTY: 711), Mon – Fri, 8 am – 9 pm ET or use this link to register online: aet.na/soctrsvp

Connecticut Meetings will be held at both 10am & 2pm

Wednesday, 10/12/22
Wynndham Southbury
1284 Strongtown Road
Southbury, CT 06488

Thursday, 10/13/22
Cascade Fine Catering
480 Sherman Ave
Hamden, CT 06514

Monday, 10/17/22
Saybrook Point Resort & Marina
2 Bridge St.
Old Saybrook, CT 06475

Tuesday, 10/18/22
Holiday Inn Norwich
10 Laura Blvd
Norwich, CT 06360

Wednesday, 10/19/22
Great Neck Country Club
28 Lamphere Rd
Waterford, CT 06385

Monday, 10/24/22
The Farmington Gardens
999 Farmington Ave
Farmington, CT 06032

Tuesday, 10/25/22
Graduate Hotel Storrs
855 Bolton Road
Storrs, CT 06268

Wednesday, 10/26/22
Delamar West Hartford
1 Memorial Road
West Hartford, CT 06107

Thursday, 10/27/22
Hilton Garden Inn Hartford North
Bradley International Airport
555 Corporate Drive
Windsor, CT 06095

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Massachusetts

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DoubleTree by Hilton Cape Cod
287 Iyannough Road
Hyannis, MA 02601

Florida

Tuesday, 10/4/2022
Hilton Ocala
3600 Southwest 36th Avenue
Ocala, FL 34474

Wednesday, 10/5/2022
Holiday Inn & Suites Daytona Beach
930 North Atlantic Avenue
Daytona Beach, FL 32118

Thursday, 10/6/2022
Embassy Suites by Hilton West Palm Beach Central
1607 Belvedere Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Tuesday, 10/11/2022
Embassy Suites Fort Myers-Estero
10450 Corkscrew Commons Dr.
Estero, FL 33928

Thursday, 10/13/2022
Hyatt Regency Sarasota
1000 Boulevard of the Arts
Sarasota, FL 34326

VIRTUAL MEETINGS

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Friday, 10/7/2022	10 AM - 11 AM
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Friday, 10/28/2022 10 AM - 11 AM

In addition to these meetings, Aetna has pledged to attend all 27 of our local CSEA Council 400 Chapter Meetings.

CSEA Council 400 will continue to keep you posted and informed about this upcoming change in healthcare providers. Keep an eye on the CSEA News and our website CSEA-CT.com

Early Voting Amendment - On the Ballot in 2022

After years of hard work by CSEA members and our allies, Connecticut voters will have an opportunity to make a choice to allow for early voting in future federal, state, and municipal elections. When we go to the polls in November to vote for Senator, Governor, General Assembly members, and other elected offices, we will also be voting on a ballot referendum to make an amendment to the Connecticut state constitution.

Right now, Connecticut is one of only four states that do not allow all voters to cast their ballots in person prior to Election Day. And, because that prohibition is written into our state constitution, the only way to change it, is to pass a constitutional amendment. It's simple: government of the people, by the people, and for the people works best when more people are involved in making decisions. Unfortunately, work and family

responsibilities make it hard for some people to get to the polls on Election Day. This constitutional amendment to allow for in person Early Voting will provide Connecticut voters with more choices about when to cast our ballots.

Amending our state constitution sounds like a big step. What does this amendment actually do? All this amendment does is give the General Assembly the ability to allow for early voting in person by eligible Connecticut residents. The specifics of what that would look like will be determined through the open process by which all of our state laws are passed.

Now, it's important to remember that what we're talking about here is early voting, which is different from absentee balloting, often called voting by mail. The constitutional amendment on the ballot on

November 8, 2022 is about early voting in person. While voting by mail has been allowed during the ongoing deadly, global COVID pandemic, it will take a separate constitutional amendment to make absentee balloting a permanent option for Connecticut voters.

Here's the question that will be before voters on Election Day:

“Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to provide for early voting?”

Early voting provides flexibility, increases access, and expands opportunities for participation that strengthens our democracy. CSEA members have been vocal advocates for this critical electoral reform and this November we can make it happen!

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Time: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm EST

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