

# Group Employee Health Benefit Prescription Purchasing Opportunities in Connecticut

## “Outlook with a look back”

The CT GFOA in partnership with  
CONNPELRA present a Joint Winter  
Meeting, Rocky Hill Marriott

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# TOPICS FOR TODAY

- **Connecticut Public Sector Purchasing Coalition - (MEDCO)**
- **Connecticut Prescription Partnership – (CAREMARK)**
- **PA 10-174 Opportunities – Yet to be defined**
- **SustiNet – An opportunity coming in 2012**

# Connecticut Public Sector Purchasing Coalition (MEDCO)

- **5+ years of experience**
- **Changed the landscape of the PBM financial structure**
- **MEWA issues:**
  - Informal agreement among members
  - Maintained individual contracts with MEDCO
- **Contacts:**
  - Members - Jim Haselkamp (Norwalk) 203.854.7724
  - Members - Caroline Beitman (Meriden) 203.630.4038
  - MEDCO – Arlene Edlin 845.534.2927
- **Coalition website: <http://www.ctpspc.org/default.asp>**

# Connecticut Prescription Partnership (CAREMARK)

- **Based on the financial arrangement with the State of Connecticut for State employees**
- **Structured similarly to the Coalition:**
  - Municipalities will maintain their own plan design
  - Municipalities with contract directly with CAREMARK
  - Maintenance of local individual contracts with CAREMARK
  - Price points change with growth
- **Additional information and Pricing Contact:**
  - Helen Sullivan – (860) 702-3346 State Comptroller's Office

# PA 10-174 Opportunities

AN ACT CONCERNING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES AND BOARDS OF EDUCATION FOR THE JOINT PURCHASE OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE AND THE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY INSURANCE PRODUCERS.

- **Allows for cities, towns, and boards of education to group together to take advantage of joint purchasing opportunities:**
  - Flexible
  - More Formal than Coalition and Partnership
  - Members set the rules
  - Regional Education Service Centers

# SustiNet

- **Created by statute**
- **Set by statute to be the plan for State employees, Medicaid and Husky recipients in 2012**
- **Self insured program**
- **Can be offered to municipalities and not for profits in 2012**

# For further discussion or information

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