

Executive Order and/or Statute

On January 22, 2020, Governor Lamont signed [Executive Order No. 5](#), directing the Office of Health Strategy (OHS) to develop annual health care cost growth benchmarks for calendar years 2021–2025, and convene a technical advisory group for this purpose. It also included setting targets for increased primary care spending as a percentage of total health care spending to reach 10% by 2025. In 2022, the Connecticut legislature passed [HB 5042](#), codifying the program into law and providing more detail about the process. The law requires the office to monitor development of accountable care organizations and medical homes and encourage other alternative payment models. It also requires public reporting of entities that exceed the cost benchmark or don't meet the primary care target as well as required testimony at a public hearing.

Website



[Cost Growth and Quality Benchmarks, and Primary Care Target \(ct.gov\)](#)

Implementation status

Target Set	Target Methodology	Policy or Legislative Activity	Benchmark/Target Analysis	Cost Driver Analysis
Yes, 3.4% for 2021, 3.2% for 2022, and 2.9% for 2023, 2024, and 2025.	80/20 blend of forecasted median wage and potential gross state product (PGSP). Add-on factors: +0.5% for CY 2021, +0.3% for CY2022, +0.0% for CY 2023-2025.	Benchmark Steering Committee established	Releasing report on pre-benchmark period results for 2018–2019	Publishing second cost trend analysis

"Alignment around the strategy is important to ensure people are champions of the work and are looking at the same data and understanding it in the same way. We want to be swimming in the same direction. What we're seeing in terms of costs and patient experience will help us provide a platform for better policymaking."

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