

Assessments on Insurers

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Issue

This report describes the entities and funds, other than the Connecticut Insurance Department and the Insurance Fund, with statutory authority to assess Connecticut insurers and the amount of the assessments. It is a companion report to OLR Report <u>2023-R-0156</u>, which describes the Connecticut Insurance Fund.

Summary

State law authorizes at least seven entities or funds to assess insurers for their activities, excluding the Insurance Department and the Connecticut Insurance Fund. Some of these entities, such as the Connecticut Insurance Guaranty Association (CIGA) and Connecticut Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association (CLHIGA), assess insurers on an as-needed basis. Others, such as Access Health CT (the state's health insurance exchange), assess insurers annually. It appears that at least one fund, the Federal Riot Reinsurance Reimbursement, is currently dormant.

Table 1 below describes each entity or fund, its statutory authority to assess insurers, and the amount of its most recent assessment. The table excludes any (1) assessments imposed by the Insurance Department, including those related to examinations and other industry practices, and (2) taxes or assessments imposed by the state, such as premium taxes or assessments imposed by a court due to an insurer liquidation.



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Entity	Statutory Authority	Statutory Citation	Amount and Year of Most Recent Assessment
Access Health CT (Health Insurance Exchange)	Assess health carriers (e.g., insurers) capable of offering a qualified plan through the exchange to support its operations	<u>CGS § 38a-1083 (7)</u>	\$32,278,756 (FY 24)
Access Health CT (All Payer Claims Database)	Assess health carriers capable of offering a qualified plan through the exchange to support the all- payer claims database	<u>CGS § 38a-1083 (7)</u>	461,101 (FY 24)
CIGA	Assess member insurers (generally property and casualty insurers) to handle claims in case of insurer insolvency, including related examinations and expenses	<u>CGS § 38a-841(3)</u>	8,234,928 (<u>2022</u>)
CLHIGA	Assess member insurers (generally life and health insurers) to handle insolvency claims and certain other operational costs	<u>CGS § 38a-866</u>	\$25,083,992 (2017-2018)*
Connecticut Small Employer Health Reinsurance Pool	Assess members for its operating budget and any claims reinsured by the pool	<u>CGS § 38a-569</u>	350,000 (2023)**
Federal Riot Reinsurance Reimbursement Fund	Assess insurers as needed to cover certain costs necessary to reimburse the federal secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development	<u>CGS § 38a-896</u>	N/A***
Health Reinsurance Association	Assess insurers for its operating budget as well as any net losses	<u>CGS § 38a-556</u>	275,000 (FY 24)

*CLHIGA last assessed insurers as a result of two interconnected life insurance insolvencies. The assessment covered both 2017

(\$23,761,597) and 2018 (\$1,322,395), totaling \$25,083,992.

**Based on small employer health insurance premiums reported for 2022.

***The Connecticut Insurance Department has no record of this fund assessing carriers.

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