

WORKING GROUP TO STUDY PHARMACIST COMPENSATION

Citation: PA 25-167

Effective Date: From passage

Composition: 15 members

General Info: The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance, or their designees, shall convene a working group to study and make recommendations for legislation related to the compensation of pharmacists licensed under chapter 400j of the general statutes, who provide certain health care services, including, but not limited to, vaccine administration, HIV related tests, influenza-related tests and the prescribing of contraceptive devices or products approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

Chair: The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance, or their designees.

Reporting Requirements: Not later than February 1, 2026, the working group shall submit a report on its findings and legislative recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

Terms: None specified; coterminous under CGS 4-1a. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

Expected Termination: The working group shall terminate on the date the working group submits such report or February 1, 2026, whichever is later.

Appointing Authority: The Insurance and Real Estate Committee Chairs

No.	Specific Qualifications	Appointing Authority	Appointee	Appt. Date
1	The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance, or their designees	Insurance & RE Committee Chairs	State Representative Kerry Wood State Senator Jorge Cabrera	7/1/25
2	The ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance, or their designees	Insurance & RE Ranking Members	State Representative Cara Pavalock D'Amato State Senator Tony Hwang	7/1/25
3	The Insurance Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee	Commissioner Mais	Michelle Pope, Michelle Pope, Insurance Associate Examiner, Life & Health Division	7/11/25
4	The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's designee	Commissioner Cafferelli	Troy Ruff, Principal Drug Control Agent	7/11/25
5	One pharmacist licensed under chapter 400j of the general statutes who is employed by any independent pharmacy	Kevin Hill	Todd DeGroff (Owner of Beacon Pharmacy in New Britain)	6/27/25

6	One pharmacist licensed under chapter 400j of the general statutes who is employed by any chain pharmacy	Julian Koruni	Julian Koruni, PharmD	6/25/25
7	One pharmacist licensed under chapter 400j of the general statutes who is employed by any health system pharmacy	Osama Abdelghany	Osama Abdelghany, PharmD, MHA, BCOP	6/24/25
8	One representative of any organization representing pharmacy benefits managers	David Cappiello	Sam Hallemeier, PCMA	7/7/25
9	One representative of any health insurance company doing business in this state	Susan Halpin	Susan Halpin	6/24/25
10	One representative of any pharmaceutical company doing business in this state	Tim Shea	TBD	
11	One faculty member of a school of pharmacy in this state	Marie Smith	Marie Smith, PharmD, FNAP Assistant Dean/Henry A. Palmer Professor Dept. of Pharmacy Practice UConn School of Pharmacy	7/1/25
12	One representative of a small employer in this state that employs less than fifty employees	Tim Phelan	Tim Phelan, President, CT Retail Network	6/27/25
13	One representative of a large employer in this state that employs more than one hundred employees	Grace Brangwynne	Paul Pescatello, Bioscience Growth Council, CBIA	7/2/25
14	One representative of the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange	CEO James Michel	Kelly Cote, Plan Management Manager with Access Health CT	7/9/25
15	Any other members as deemed necessary by the chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance	INS & RE Committee Chairs	Matt Murphy – representing ambulatory hematology/oncology from a large health system Ed Schreiner, previously owned Stoll's Pharmacy in Waterbury for over 40 years and now works as a VP of Network Development at Northeast Pharmacy Service Corps.	7/1/25