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Washington, DC – Today, Congressman John B. Larson (*CT-01*) commended the Department of Health and Human Services' announcement that Connecticut will be the first state in the nation to expand Medicaid coverage to more low-income adults as part of our historic health care reform.

Congressman Larson said, **“I am so proud to have worked with state officials to ensure that Connecticut is taking a lead in making reforms to keep our community healthy and productive.□ The health care reform legislation we passed will provide all Americans with the choice of quality, affordable care.□ With this expanded Medicaid coverage more low income Americans can get the preventive care they need in a cost-effective way.”**

This will expand Medicaid coverage to 45,000 adults currently in the Connecticut SAGA program and save the state millions of dollars.

“This is just one of many benefits health care reform will bring to Connecticut,” said Congressman Larson. “

In the three months since the Affordable Care Act was signed into law seniors have begun to receive checks lowering their prescription drug costs, young adults have been allowed to stay on their parents insurance longer – rather than adding to the ranks of the uninsured, and insurance companies have ended their practice of rescissions, dropping

people from coverage when they get sick. We are keeping insurance companies accountable and putting middle class Americans in charge of their health care decisions.”

The Affordable Care Act allows states, beginning now, to provide Medicaid coverage to low income adults

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