WASHINGTON, DC—Connecticut's congressional delegation today applauded the federal government's conditional approval of a state plan for a health insurance exchange. Connecticut was one of six states to receive approval today and is expected to begin selling health plans through the exchange on October 1, 2013.

"We congratulate Governor Malloy and his team on the approval today of Connecticut's planned health insurance exchange," Senators **Joe Lieberman** and **Richard Blumenthal** and Representatives
**Rosa DeLauro**
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**John Larson**
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**Joe Courtney**
and
**Jim Himes**
and Senator-Elect
**Chris Murphy**
said in a joint statement. "This exchange will provide Connecticut individuals and small businesses with access to competitive group rates, lower administrative costs, and more quality choices for their health care. We look forward to working with the Governor on the full implementation of our state's exchange."