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**MOORE ANNOUNCES NEW HEALTH PLAN FOR SMALL BUSINESSES**

**BOSTON** – Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) today announced a new plan launched by the Massachusetts Health Connector this month to help small businesses better cope with the escalating cost of health insurance.

“I am proud to lend support to this proposal,” said Sen. Moore. “The elimination of membership fees and the reduction of administrative costs will be a significant help to many small business owners.” Sen. Moore is the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business.

Sen. Moore explained that the new Business Express program is for small businesses with 50 or fewer employees. For some businesses with five or fewer employees, the savings may be more than \$300 per employee per year. Select network plans may offer savings that range from 10 to 15 percent.

Employers will be able to select from a full array of options offered by major carriers whose plans have been recognized by the Health Connector for their quality and value. Carriers selected for the program are Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, CeltiCare, Fallon Community Health Plan, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Health New England, Neighborhood Health Plan and Tufts Health Plan.

Small business owners can find out more about the plan by calling a broker or going to the Health Connector’s website, [www.mahealthconnector.org](http://www.mahealthconnector.org). They may also call the Health Connector’s customer service line at 1-877-MA-ENROLL (1-877-623-6765). The TTY line for people with partial or total hearing loss is 1-877-623-7773.

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