



2025 State Legislative Agenda

Connecticut Association for Healthcare at Home

*Delivering the Right Care, at the Right Cost, in the Setting People Prefer—Their Own Homes.
Supporting Providers, Enhancing Safety, and Sustaining Access.*

2025 Legislative Priorities:

Priority 1 - Sustainable Medicaid Funding for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS):

- Implement consistent annual Medicaid rate increases indexed to federal CPI to support Home Health, Medication Administration, and Homemaker-Companion services.
- Rate adjustments include:
 - Home Health: 10% annual increase from 2025-2029
 - Homemaker-Companion: 13% increases in 2025-2026, then 10% annually through 2029
 - Restore Medication Administration rates to 2016 levels.
 - Eliminate the Subsequent Visit rate penalty, which discourages comprehensive care delivery.

Priority 2 - Workforce Safety:

- Respond to recommendations from the legislatively appointed Healthcare Workforce Safety Working Group to mitigate workplace violence, enhance safety protocols, and improve workforce well-being.

Priority 3 - Regulatory Barriers:

- Align outdated state regulations with Medicare Conditions of Participation to reduce administrative burdens and improve care delivery. (e.g., staffing ratios, leadership credentials, and hospice order frequency).
- Facilitate a seamless transition for Homemaker-Companion agency oversight under DPH.
- Develop and enforce robust regulations to mitigate risks associated with Health Information Exchange (HIE) through the Connecticut Network for Interoperability and Exchange (CONNIE). These regulations will safeguard shared data and protect providers from liability.

Priority 4 - Advance Education and Access to End-of-Life Care Options:

- Expand public and provider awareness of palliative care services and advanced care planning to ensure equitable access to end-of-life care.
- Support recommendations from the Pediatric Hospice Work Group to expand palliative care services.
- Enhance professional education on palliative care, advanced care planning, and informed decision-making to improve outcomes for serious illness care.

We urge Connecticut policymakers to take decisive action to ensure access to high-quality home-based care, protect the safety of the healthcare workforce, and sustain the vital services that allow Connecticut residents to age and recover at home.



Any questions, please contact Tracy Wodatch (wodatch@cthealthcareathome.org).

ADDENDUM:

Who We Are:

The Association membership includes both licensed and certified Home Health Care and Hospice Agency providers as well as Homemaker-Companion Agency (non-medical home care) providers:

- Home Health and Hospice agency-based providers:
 - Licensed by the CT Department of Public Health (DPH), audited by the CT Department of Social Services (DSS), and certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
 - Deliver physician/APRN-ordered in-home and community-based medical services to CT Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries as well as individuals with commercial insurance throughout all 169 Connecticut towns and cities.
 - Services include **skilled nursing, therapy, social work and home health aides** who provide high-quality, high-tech, skilled medical and behavioral health Home Health and Hospice services to individuals of all ages
- Homemaker-Companion Agencies (non-medical home care):
 - Registered with the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP)
 - Provide supportive care, non-medical services to maintain individuals in their homes. Services include homemakers, companions, personal care attendants, live-ins.
- Together, all home and community-based services reduce unnecessary and costly hospital readmissions, keep individuals with chronic conditions stable at home and contribute to the success of CT's Long-Term Services and Supports Plan by fostering personal independence, Aging in Place, and successful transitions from institutions to home and community-based settings.