Hartford HealthCare at Home Named 2016 Triple Aim Award Winner

The Association will recognize Hartford HealthCare at Home during the Association’s Annual Conference on October 18 at the Hartford Marriott Downtown for its innovative method of improving health outcomes, access to care and reduce costs.

The award winning free Transitional Care RN (TCRN) program removes the mystery surrounding CMS homebound status, links individuals to homecare services if appropriate, effectively coordinates the care of patients moving from one level of care to another all while ensuring safe and effective transitions across the care continuum, regardless of payer source or homebound status.

The TCRN program provides patient-centered, free visits to individuals in the community who are not currently receiving certified home-care services.

To register for the Association’s Annual Conference

Registration & Information

- Annual Conference Attendee Brochure
- Register Here

EVV Public Forum Scheduled for October 17 to Voice Provider Challenges

Member agencies facing the DSS Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) implementation deadlines are invited to sit in the audience of a public forum with legislators and DSS staff on Mon., October 17 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm in Room 2D of the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Harford.
The Association staff, members and technology vendors will voice the united concerns of our providers with the objective of informing legislators of the burden, cost, staff time and inefficiencies resulting from this new mandate.

We welcome 1 or 2 representatives from each member agency to attend. If you are interested in testifying about your agency challenges for 3 minutes, please contact Tracy Wodatch wodatch@cthealthcareathome.org.

Hoyt Testifies at Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee

Deborah Hoyt, the Association’s President and CEO, testified on Sept. 21 at a hearing to uncover "Factors Influencing Receipt of Long Term Services and Supports in Home and Community Settings in CT". Her testimony focused on the longstanding and inadequate Medicaid reimbursement to home health providers by DSS and the need to reinvest the $621.2-million that home and community-based providers have saved DSS over a 6-year period (2009 - 2014).

Later in the week, the Association's Board Chair, Kimberly Nystrom and Chair Elect, Susan Adams, joined Deb Hoyt and Tracy Wodatch for a private meeting with Miriam Kluger, Ph.D., Chief Analyst of the Investigations Committee for a two hour meeting to delve deeper into the challenges of home health providers for the study she will author.

Read Deborah Hoyt's testimony

DSS Releases CT Long Term Services and Supports Status Report

DSS Staff presented updates at the bi-annual meeting of the Long Term Planning Committee at the Legislative Office Building on Sept. 13 for legislators, providers and the public.

The update included the following programs: Testing Experience & Functional Tools (TEFT), Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP), Balancing Incentive Program (BIP), Community First Choice No Wrong Door, Money Follows the Person Demonstration (MFP) Status for Final Years, and Benchmarks.

View the PowerPoint

Legislation Introduced to Congress Would Delay Pre-Claim Review for One Year

A federal bill introduced on September 28 by Reps. Tom Price (R-GA-6) and James McGovern (D-MA-2) would impose a one year moratorium on the Pre-Claim Review Demonstration (PCR) and requires the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to report to Congress on the impact of the project on patients, home health agencies, physicians, and Medicare spending.
More Information Needed on Home Health Aides and Direct Care Workers

America’s aging population is increasingly reliant on home health and other direct care workers but not nearly enough is known about this workforce, prompting fears the country may not be prepared for the health and demographic challenges of the future, according to a new report from the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

Direct care workers are responsible for providing the majority of paid hands-on care to millions of seniors and people with disabilities requiring LTSS. However, reported high attrition rates and difficulties recruiting and retaining qualified workers have fueled concerns about shortages, particularly considering the expected growth in the elderly population.

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Intended for home care executives and senior management seeking to take their operation to the next level by gaining insights on the latest trends in home care and leadership techniques. The summit is sponsored by the CT Association for Healthcare at Home and its collaborative state home care associations in eight states throughout New York, New Jersey and New England.

Visit www.nehomehealthsummit.com for logistics. Agenda and content details coming soon.

"To Joey, With Love" Encore Performance October 6th

NHPCO is has partnered with Grammy-nominated singer Rory Feek to promote his upcoming film, "To Joey, with Love." The documentary, which will be featured in select theaters for two nights only, Tues., Sept. 20 & Oct 6th, follows the musical and reality TV stars over the course of an extraordinary year - one that brought them home to their farming roots, celebrated the birth of their daughter, and followed Joey on her incredible journey as she battled and ultimately succumbed to cervical cancer. Through this loving tribute to his wife, Rory Feek hopes to help families who face difficult end-of-life decisions, and will be sharing information and resources about hospice care, including a preview from the award-winning "Moments of Life" campaign. To purchase tickets, visit http://tojoeywithlove.com/theaters.
Annual Conference & Expo

Tuesday, October 18, 2016
at the Hartford Marriott Downtown.

"Healthcare at Home: The Value Proposition in Transformative Care Delivery Models."

View Attendee Brochure

Upcoming Events

For all upcoming events check out our online calendar of events.

Behavioral Health Task Force
Date: 10/7/2016
Time: 9:00 - 11:00 AM
Location: Wallingford, Connecticut

Clinical Supervisors & Quality Management SIG Meeting
Date: 10/11/2016
Location: Wallingford, Connecticut
Time: 9 - 11 am

Admin/Directors & Financial Managers SIG Meeting
Date: 10/12/2016
Location: Wallingford, Connecticut
Time: 9 - 11 am

Hospice & Palliative Care Committee Meeting
Date: 10/12/2016
Location: Wallingford, Connecticut
Time: 2 - 4 pm

Fall 2017 Home Health Aide Teleconference Series: What Aides Need to Know to Protect Themselves
Date: 10/13/2016
Time: 3:00-4:00 PM

Bereavement & Volunteer Coordinators SIG Meeting
Date: 10/13/2016
Location: Wallingford, Connecticut
Time: 1 - 3 pm

**Coding for 2017 and Beyond: ICD-10 Coding Webinar Series**
Dates: 10/13/2016 » 12/13/2016
Time: 2:00pm- 3:00pm

**Annual Conference & Expo**
Date: 10/18/2016
Time: 8:00 - 5:30 PM
Marriott Hartford
[Attendee Registration](#)

*All workshops and meetings are held at 110 Barnes Road, Wallingford - unless otherwise noted. Please register for SIG meetings on [www.cthealthcareathome.org](http://www.cthealthcareathome.org).*

*Please call (203) 265-9931 with questions or register online by visiting [www.cthealthcareathome.org](http://www.cthealthcareathome.org)*

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