Current News

Join Us - Sept. 9: Private Duty Data Program

The Association's Private Duty Special Interest Group (SIG) is hosting a statewide event for private duty and interested home care agency leaders on Sept. 9 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm in our Wallingford office. The meeting will drill down on an issue identified at our Private Duty Summit last year.

Data benchmarking has shifted from an advantage to a necessity for providers who want to remain competitive. Discover which data points are the most crucial for agencies to track, and learn the numbers behind home care benchmarking data from presenter JC Weber, Director of Customer Experience, Home Care Pulse. Understand key financial and operational numbers, and define and utilize the power of benchmarking in your agency.

Free for members, $25 for nonmembers. Space is limited. Registration is required. Register here: Registration

You're Invited: Sept. 19 Provider Health Forum with Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman

CT Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman will be at the CHA Building on Mon., Sept. 19 from 10-11 am to discuss the direction that the State of CT is taking to reduce healthcare expenditures in CT. All providers across the continuum are invited to attend at no charge. Hospital, SNF, Home Health and Physician leaders are expected to fill the meeting which will be informal and allow for a few questions.

RSVP is required. Email Jim Iacobellis at CHA iacobellis@chime.org with your name and company affiliation to register.

CMS Releases Guidance to State Medicaid Programs Encouraging Adequate Payment Rates for Home Care
The Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS), at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), recently released guidance encouraging state Medicaid programs to strengthen and stabilize the home care workforce. The guidance recognizes that state Medicaid programs need to consider that low payment rates can impede access to care. In addition to recommending adequate payments rates for home care, the guidance recommends requiring provider qualifications and basic training and establishing an open registry of qualified home care workers for public use.

"CMS and states are taking important steps to support increased access to high-quality home and community based care," the guidance states. "These steps are helping to remedy a longstanding imbalance between institutional and home and community-based care: data for fiscal year 2014 showed that 53 percent of total Medicaid long-term services and supports (LTSS) expenditures were spent on home and community-based services (HCBS), a marked change from 2009 when only 45 percent of LTSS expenditures were on HCBS."

The guidance further states: "A stable workforce, engaged in the delivery of services and supports that address the needs and preferences of beneficiaries, is a critical element to achieving continued progress. [CMCS Informational Bulletin](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1125591042106&format=html&print=true)

**Click here to view the recommendations included in the guidance**

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Reminder - 2016 Compensation & Benefits Benchmarking Data Survey

Looking for 2016 Compensation and Benefits Benchmarking Data specific to CT Home Health and Hospice Agencies?

The Association has partnered with CBIA to develop this year’s Salary Survey. Agencies that participate in the data gathering, receive the completed Survey Report at a significant discount ($85 vs. $175).

On Thursday, June 23 an email was sent out to you from Phillip Montgomery, Director of Compensation Services for CBIA, including the survey link. On Tuesday, August 16 a second reminder email was sent out to you from Phillip.

If you do not receive the Survey, please contact Phil at Phillip.Montgomery@cbia.com or 860-278-1982.

*Your participation by completing the Survey provides more authentic and reliable results of value to your Agency!*

Thank you in advance for your anticipated participation!

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**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*

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**Upcoming Events**

**Events in September**

For all upcoming events check out our online [calendar of events](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1125591042106&format=html&print=true).
Fall 2017 Home Health Aide Teleconference Series: Assisting the Patient with Chronic Pain
Date: 9/8/2016
Time: From 3:00-4:00 PM
Register

Private Duty SIG with Presentation from Home Care Pulse
Date: 9/9/2016
Location: Wallingford, CT
Time: 1:30-3:30PM
Register

A Healthcare Conversation with Lt.Governor Nancy Wyman
Date: 9/19/2016
Location: Wallingford
Time: 10:00-11:00 AM

New Home Care Clinicians Series
Location: Wallingford, CT
Time: 9:00-3:30PM
Register

Connecting the Dots - Collaborating to Reduce Cost and Improve Care Transitions
Date: 9/29/2016
Time: 2:00-3:30pm
Register

Annual Conference & Expo
Date: 10/18/2016
Time: 8:00 - 5:30 PM
Attendee Registration | Exhibitors | Sponsors

All workshops and meetings are held at 110 Barnes Road, Wallingford - unless otherwise noted. Please register for SIG meetings on www.cthealthcareathome.org.

Please call (203) 265-9931 with questions or register online by visiting www.cthealthcareathome.org

Career Center

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