Current News

**EVV Public Forum Today in Hartford at 11 am**

CT home health providers and the public are invited to attend a public forum on the new CT Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) requirement for Medicaid home health and home care providers scheduled to become effective Nov. 1 (non-medical) and Jan. 1 (medical). The forum is in Room 2D the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Ave., Hartford, next to the State Capitol. Free parking is available in the parking garage behind the Building. The Forum is expected to televised on CTN TV.

State Legislators, DSS officials, home health providers and software vendors are expected to present.

- **View the Agenda**
- View DSS important messages regarding EVV
  - Important Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Notice: Attention (10-7-16)
  - Electronic Visit Verification Implementation Important Message (10-6-16)

**Invitation:  Oct. 31 Forum with House Majority Leader Joe Aresimowicz**
The CT Hospital Association and the collaboration of Connecticut healthcare associations invite members of the CT Association for Healthcare at Home to a 1-hour forum with CT House Majority Leader Joe Aresimowicz (Dem.) on Mon., Oct. 31 from 9:00 to 10:00 am at the CT Hospital Association Building.

The forum is free and open to all members, particularly those in Rep. Aresimowicz's legislative district of Berlin and Southington. The forum will allow providers to ask questions about the State’s healthcare focus for 2017 and allow Rep. Aresimowicz to share his perspective as the incoming CT House Majority Leader.

Please RSVP Jim Iacobellis at iacobellis@chime.org by Oct. 29 if you plan to attend.

State’s Consultant Releases CT Health Care Transformation Options for Cost Containment

Bailit Health, the Massachusetts consulting group hired by the State of CT to examine how Connecticut can improve its expenses under the Medicaid program and improve overall care to state residents, has released a webinar recording on its recommendations including the Cost Containment Straw Model. The recommendations, released in a report earlier this summer, recommends state government agency alignment and provider collaboration.

Lt. Governor, Nancy Wyman, has been convening monthly meetings of the State Healthcare Cabinet and working with Bailit on this project. Susan Adams, VP of Integration for Masonicare and Board Chair Elect of the Association, is the home health sector representative on this cabinet, and the Board met with Bailit last winter to provide the home health provider perspective.

View the recording here

OIG Report Finds Persistent Medicaid Abuse in Personal Care Services

Federal investigators in the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Inspector General (OIG) are calling for reform after finding more than $600 million of questionable Medicaid billing from November 2012 to August 2016.

A new OIG report revealing the alleged abuse is sharply critical of Medicaid for not sufficiently cracking down on what investigators characterize as persistent fraud and abuse in Medicaid-funded personal care services. Better regulation and oversight is needed to prevent fraud and patient neglect, according to the OIG. The report is a compilation of findings and insights gained through several Medicaid audits and studies performed by the OIG in past years. Essentially, it is a trend report that was triggered by what the OIG perceives as a pattern of fraud and abuse in Medicaid personal care services.

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Upcoming Events

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

**Annual Conference & Expo**
Date: 10/18/2016
Time: 8:00 - 5:30 PM
Marriott Hartford

**Skin & Wound Management Course**
Dates: 10/20/2016 » 10/23/2016
Location: Windsor, Connecticut
Time: From 8:00-5:00 PM
Register

**Hospice Regulatory & Compliance Update**
Date: 10/25/2016
Location: Wallingford, Connecticut
Time: From 9:00-3:30
Register

*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*

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