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400 Attendees Learn at Better Health CT Statewide Conference

The Better Health CT Conference was the who's who of statewide healthcare leaders - from the large insurance companies, to hospitals, long term care providers to home and community-health, the forum has grown to be the single event to hear from state, regional and national leaders on big picture issues like Social Determinants of Health, Health Reform, Information Technology and Health Equity.

(l to r) Deborah Hoyt, Association President; Victoria Veltri, Exec. Dir., CT Office of Health Strategy; and Tracy Wodatch, VP Clinical & Regulatory Services

Stratford VNA Celebrates Opening of New Office Building

Mary Therien, President and CEO of Stratford Visiting Nurse Association (SVNA) welcomed local officials, guests and healthcare colleagues to an open house including tours and a ribbon cutting on June 7 to celebrate the completion of their new office building at 3060 Main Street, Stratford. The 2-story building, which had been vacant for several years, was totally renovated to meet the modern needs of the agency including team-based work stations and an educational classroom with high-tech connectivity.

Stratford Mayor Laura Hoydick was joined by Stratford VNA's leadership and Board of Directors as well as town officials and representatives from the Chamber of Commerce to celebrate the momentous occasion. SVNA is a not-for-profit agency serving Fairfield and New Haven Counties.

New CT Medicaid Audit Legislation Effective July 1

Gov. Malloy signed into law SB 243 PA 18-76 AN ACT CONCERNING AUDITS OF MEDICAL
ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS which makes several changes to the requirements the Department of Social Services (DSS) must follow when conducting Medicaid provider audits.

The bill requires the DSS Commissioner to ensure that auditors review any electronic medical record associated with a patient chart included in the audit. It also requires the DSS commissioner and entities with which he contracts to accept certain types of documents when conducting Medicaid provider audits, but allows him to seek additional documentation in various circumstances.

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**Home and Community-Based Services Dominates Growth in Medicaid LTSS Spending**

Spending on home and community-based services continued to account for the vast majority of all Medicaid long-term services and supports spending in Fiscal Year 2016, according to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Home and community-based services (HCBS) increased by 10 percent in FY 2016, easily outstripping the annual average of five percent growth from FY 2011 through 2015. Institutional service spending fell by two percent after experiencing small growth the previous five years.

Long-term services and supports (LTSS) provided through managed care continued to grow robustly, increasing by 24 percent to $39 billion from FY 2015 to 2016. It should be noted that the $39 billion is a conservative estimate because data collection challenges make it difficult to account for all managed LTSS spending. Managed LTSS accounted for 23 percent of LTSS spending in FY2016.

2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

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