Nov. 1 Annual Conference Features National Keynoters, Awards, Breakout Sessions

Join us for the Association Annual Conference Wed., Nov. 1 from 8am to 5pm at the Hartford Marriott Downtown for a full day of education, networking, and expert guidance on compliance, agency leadership and gaining a marketshare foothold in population health management.

Register Online Here or contact Courtney Verissimo at verissimo@cthealthcareathome.org.

Our opening and closing keynote addresses will feature top leaders from two of our national Washington DC trade Associations. Don't miss Bill Dombi's presentation on NAHC 2.0 and Tracey Moorhead's for VNAA/ElevatingHOME.

Dozens of vendors and consultant will be exhibiting tools and resources to enhance your agency efficiency and plenty of time will be set aside for peer networking and socializing at meals and our closing reception. Member awards and gift basket door prizes prizes will be awarded.

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DSS Commissioner Bremby Meets with Association on Medicaid Home Health Lean Process Improvement

After several months of Association board-level work to identify and examine barriers to Medicaid home health care delivery, Susan Adams, Board Chair; William Sullivan, New England Homecare; and Deb Hoyt and Tracy Wodatch of the Association met with DSS Commissioner Roderick Bremby, Deputy Commissioner Kathleen Brennan and Kathy Bruni to explore opportunities to streamline the Medicaid process from patient referral to provider payment.

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Non-Compete Language in Governor's Budget Proposal

Home care and home health agencies participating as CT Medicaid providers should be aware of new proposed language inserted in Governor Malloy’s Oct. 16 budget proposal. The proposal is concerning as it would add a non-compete restriction on state Medicaid providers relative to their clients. The Association and its members believe that state government should not mandate business practices around market competition and client matching.

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State Budget Crisis Threatens Medicaid Home-Based Care

Governor Malloy released a new, revised balanced budget proposal for the FY18-FY19 biennium which continues to cut and erode the CT Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE) by $3.1-million in the first year and an additional $8.7-million in year 2.

The Governor’s budget freezes intake to Category 2 of the state-funded Connecticut Home Care program in FY 18 with the exception of the assisted living demonstration project, which remains open and, for FY 19, maintains caseload at June 30, 2018 levels. The Governor’s original budget maintained the Category 2 caseload at June 30, 2017 levels.
Both budgets continue the freeze to Category 1 intake.

CHCPE includes all of the home and community based programs, some with Medicaid eligibility requirement and some without. Category 2 is intermediate home care for very frail elderly over 65 with assets above the Medicaid limit, who also have a 9% copay.