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Association Launches Grassroots Advocacy Opposing Medicaid Rate Cuts and Elimination of Add-Ons

The Association is in the midst of a robust advocacy campaign, fighting potential Medicaid provider cuts as state legislators debate various budget proposals this month.

"Unspecified" Medicaid cuts and cuts to non-profit providers have been included in earlier versions of budget proposals, however, little is certain as Governor Malloy's Executive Order is in effect as a placeholder until the legislature passes a state budget plan.

- View the Association's Grassroots Action to oppose the elimination of Medicaid Home Health Add-on payments to the most vulnerable
- Read the Association's email communication to CT State Legislators
- Read the Letter to the Editor

2017 End of Session Association Legislative Report

The legislative bills that The Association actively testified on and advocated for home health and hospice providers are outlined in this 2017 End of Session Report.

Hundreds of bills never made it through the Committee stage - many of which involved increasing/evaluating the adequacy of Medicaid rates to providers.

The regular 2017 legislative session ended at midnight on June 7th, but the legislature will return for Special Session to continue negotiations on the state budget for the upcoming biennium. The Association staff will remain very busy over the coming weeks advocating against a Medicaid rate cut to home and community-based providers as well as opposing the elimination of the Medicaid home health add-ons.

Thank you for your active involvement, testimony and outreach to legislators this session.

CMS Announces New CoP compliance Date of Jan. 13, 2018

As proposed, the new compliance deadline for Medicare Conditions of Participation (CoP)
CMS was not swayed by the recommendations to delay the effective date in line with the issuance of the interpretive guidelines. CMS anticipates an issuance of draft guidelines this Fall with finalization in December. CMS expressed that the regulations can be implemented without the guidelines.

View the Federal Register Announcement

VITAS Honors Veterans Statewide

The veterans community gathered on the pier of the historic USS Nautilus at the Naval Submarine Base in New London to honor servicemen and women at the 8th annual veterans remembrance event hosted by VITAS Healthcare.

VITAS understands that prior military service can have a profound impact on veterans as they approach the end of life, and the company has developed award-winning programs to provide them with the care and support they need. VITAS is a "Level Four" partner of the "We Honor Veterans" CT campaign - the highest honor a hospice provider can attain for its veterans' programs, and the company's specially trained staff members and volunteers work daily to honor veterans' preferences for care at the end of life and ensure they receive the respect, comfort and compassion they deserve.

250 people attended the event including Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, local state legislators, U.S. Senator Chris Murphy and staffers from Congressman Joe Courtney's office.

Association Launches New Website Design and Functionality

The staff of the CT Association for Healthcare at Home and its digital communications partner, WORX Branding Company of Prospect, CT have completed the next phase of its digital strategy with the redesign and streamlining of the Association's website.

The Association's three service pillars: GET CONNECTED, BE INFORMED and CREATE CHANGE drove the visual and creative layout which allows members, consumers and policymakers to access clinical and regulatory resources, policy papers and our educational program calendar.

Visit us at www.CTHealthcareAtHome.org

YOU'RE INVITED! Aug. 4 New Member Orientation and Refresher
Registration Open! Nov. 1 Annual Conference and Expo - Hartford Marriott

You are invited to the Association's Annual Conference on Wed., Nov. 1, 2017 at the Hartford Marriott Downtown. Attendee brochures with keynote speaker information, the breakout session agenda, and registration information will be available in the coming weeks. Plan ahead! Registration pricing is $180 for members, and discounted at $1,690 for a table of 10. A solid value for a full day of education, meals and networking with your peers and industry consultants and vendors - not to mention the many raffle prizes! Sponsor and Exhibitor opportunities are available NOW and will sell out quickly.

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