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Dan Haar: Patients Stuck In Hospital Beds Due To Medicaid Home-Care Cut

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... Suddenly, hospitals are unable to discharge some patients for lack of home-care arrangements because agencies are pulling back. It's no longer a threat. It's happening now. A long-term crisis is becoming an emergency and it is costing taxpayers the difference between inpatient treatment and home care, which is huge.

Officials at one Connecticut hospital told William Sullivan, CEO of Visiting Nurse Services of Connecticut, with 1,900 Medicaid patients, that it had patients ready for discharge who remain in beds as of Wednesday.

Sullivan's agency, based in Bridgeport, lost \$4.5 million on Medicaid last year. It has now stopped taking new patients under one large program and will cut services further, perhaps even ending home care for some or all of its current clients, Sullivan said. One option: Send patients to nursing homes.

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