

Legislative Testimony
H.B. 6365 AAC The State Budget For The Biennium Ending June 30, 2011,
And Making Appropriations Therefore
Appropriations Committee

If it can happen to us, it can happen to anyone! Hospital bills and sudden loss of my husband's job changed everything.

My family has seen the Dental Group of Meriden-Wallingford since 2001. Regular checkups, routine visits, even cosmetic dentistry in 2002. Last year, I needed a root canal on my lower incisor. The insurance paid 80% of the cost. The tooth was badly infected. At the time, Dr. Matloff, my dentist, told me endodontic surgery might be necessary.

My husband is out of work. My children and I are on Husky. Dr. Matloff has continued to see my children, and I was ever so grateful he was willing to see me and perform endodontic surgery. I was in pain and my jaw was swollen. He saw me immediately.

The adult Husky reimbursement is 52% of the Husky Fee Profile and the Husky fees are 20% less than Dr. Matloff's fees. The fee for surgery would have been \$750; a sum I could not afford at this time!

Last week, when I read that Governor Rell wanted to eliminate Husky for adults, I realized this action would pull the safety net out from under me and my husband and so many more in our state.

My husband and I are hard working, stable, "middle-class" people. We are much like your neighbors and relatives.

I urge Governor Rell to reconsider her decision regarding the Husky for adults.

After all, Dr. Matloff was willing to step-forward and treat me for 1/3 of his normal fee. Should not the state do likewise?

The concern and compassion of Dr. Matloff and his staff should be encouraged.

The state of Connecticut, at this time especially, should provide assistance for those most in need; including adults!

Very truly,

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