

Testimony for PATRICIA ROCKWELL & SENIOR CARE ADULT DAY CARE
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Good afternoon, my name is Patricia Rockwell. I am the Administrator of the Senior Care Adult Day Care Centers in Connecticut. I am also a caregiver for my 90 year old mother, who attends Adult Day Care. She is able to attend because of the community based home care program. My mother Louise, I truly believe would not be alive today if she continued to live on her own. She lives with me and enjoys being with her friends at the Day Care. And at the same time has her medical and personal needs met. This allows me to continue to work.

Adult Day Centers provide high quality cost effective community based services. We are funded primarily through the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE/Medicaid-waiver). I am here today to testify for the following:

Increasing reimbursement rates for providers of Adult Day Care Services.

The state does not provide additional reimbursement for transportation, a service that Adult Day Centers are mandated to provide. Also centers do not receive reimbursement for participant absenteeism due to inclement weather, illness or unscheduled cancellation of planned service. This has adversely impacted centers this winter as we have staffed to care for many clients who stay home.

The average cost of a community based home care client, is \$1,572 per month. While the daily Medicaid cost for an individual in a Connecticut nursing home is \$215.36 per day for a semi-private room.

In 2007 the Department of Social Services estimated that Connecticut achieved a \$91,510,543 net saving by diverting residents away from nursing homes and providing community based services for the home care program.

In closing, we are seeking to remove the Cap that has been put on the above program. And support the Adult Day Care increase. Bill 452.

Respectfully Submitted,



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