

I would like to write to you concerning the proposed 5% cut to Medicaid providers. This, combined with the loss of the 4.2% increase, leaves us with a loss of close to 10% for the upcoming year's budget. I work at The Caring Connection, Windsor's Adult Day Health Center, which provides day care for up to 60 adults per day. Many of the clients suffer from Alzheimer's Disease or another form of dementia, which makes them unable to live independently without help. By attending our center, the clients are saving the state much more than the state is spending for their care, since many would require placement in a nursing home or full-time aides if they were not able to attend our program during the weekday. The Caring Connection is allowing the clients to remain at home, either alone or with family, rather than paying the much, much higher cost for nursing home placement.

However, if you continue with the proposed cuts, our facility will suffer a loss in revenues of \$5,000 per month, or \$60,000 per year. For a small business such as ours, this would be devastating. As I mentioned before, if we are not able to stay open, other more expensive options will be necessary for the clients we now serve, ultimately costing the state more money.

Please consider this as you make plans for budget cuts for the upcoming year.

Thank you for you time.

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