

Mandating state-funded Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE) participants to contribute **15%** to their monthly home care services

## THE REAL IMPACT



- It is estimated that **4,940 state-funded elders will be required to pay 15%** toward the monthly cost of their home care services.
- Their average monthly total CHCPE care plan costs **\$1,013**.
- Under the 15% cost share, elders would be mandated to pay **\$152 on average**.
- **Eighty-two percent of these elders are below 200 percent of the poverty level.**
- **Sixty percent of these elders live alone and have an average monthly income of \$1,390.**
- They take an average of **eight to nine medications each month with an average co-pay of approximately \$200/month.**
- Their average amount of assets total **\$10,147**.
- **Seventy percent have been assessed at a nursing home level of care.**

Data source: DSS Data Specification for Access Agency Files Fiscal Year 2009

- **The average annual cost to taxpayers to keep these elders home on the CHCPE is \$12,156.**

- **The average annual cost to taxpayers if these elders need to be admitted to nursing facilities will be \$66,000\*.**

\*Considering in about a month, the average assets will be spent down making the elder eligible for Medicaid.

**Call your governor & legislators to ask:**

### Where is the SAVINGS?

**Governor's Office: 1-800-406-1527**

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Find your legislators' contact info. at:

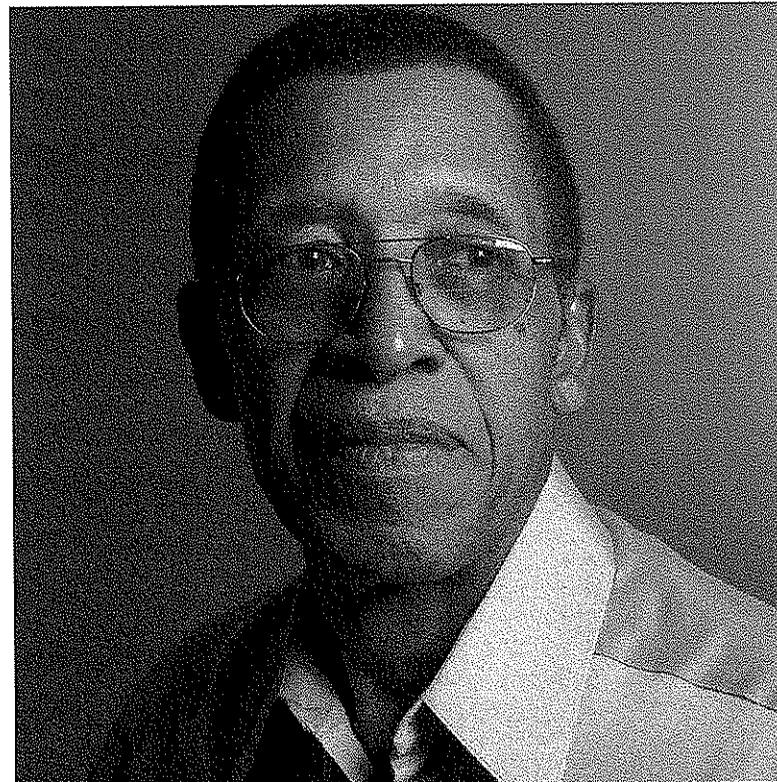
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*The mandated 15% cost share not only burdens CHCPE participants, it burdens the taxpayer. No one benefits from this decision.*

**IT DOES NOT MAKE ANY SENSE.**