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Governor's March 1, 2010 Deficit Mitigation Plan
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FACT SHEET

Connecticut Home Care Program for the Disabled Saves Money

The Connecticut Home Care Program for the Disabled (CHCPD) is a pilot program that was developed to provide home-based services to people age 18–64 with degenerative neurological conditions who are at risk of being institutionalized in nursing homes. The program provides services which may include care management, adult day health programs, chore assistance, companions, home health care, home delivered meals, homemaker services, assisted living services and personal care attendants.

The program serves 41 individuals throughout the state including those with multiple sclerosis, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Huntington's diseases. It has a waiting list of 49 people are on the waiting list and these individuals are not eligible for other programs.

Cost Savings for the State Of Connecticut

- Connecticut Home Care Program for the Disabled
COST: \$720,000 of the state budget
- The average monthly cost of home care for individuals on the program is \$1,433 compared to a cost of \$5,680 if the individual were to be on Medicaid and living in a nursing home.
SAVINGS: \$4,247 per person per month
- Home care for the 41 people on the Connecticut Home Care Program for the Disabled
SAVES: \$2,089,524 each year

Please continue the state funding for the Connecticut Home Care Program for the Disabled. Without funding the 41 individuals on this program will have to leave their families and move to expensive institutions.

WHY LEGISLATORS SHOULD SUPPORT THE CONNECTICUT HOME CARE PROGRAM FOR THE DISABLED?

In 2008, 11 percent of nursing home residents in Connecticut were younger than age 65. Between 1999 and 2008, the number of Connecticut nursing home residents who were between the ages of 55 to 64 increased by 43%.

Home care can save Connecticut millions of dollars and providing this type of care for people with disabilities improves their lives and can be cost effective as well. The overall goal for Connecticut's long-term care system should be to offer individuals the support services of their choice in the least restrictive setting while saving money.