



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



March 8, 2011

TO: Human Services Committee

RE: Raised Bill 297

Good Morning Senator Musto, Representative Tereyak, Senator Coleman, Representative Morris and Committee Members,

My name is Mary Ann Langton, and I am a Disability Policy Specialist at the CT Council on Developmental Disabilities. The mission of the Council is to promote the full inclusion for people with developmental disabilities of all ages. The Council receives federal funding from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities to implement the Developmental Disabilities Act.

The Council supports Bill 297 of **AN ACT CONCERNING TO THE AMENDMENT TO THE MEDICAID STATE PLAN UNDER SECTION 1915(i) UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT TO PROVIDE HOME CARE SERVICES**. At the present time, there are many waivers that focus on people with disabilities' diagnosis instead of looking at their functional needs. Focusing at peoples' functional needs would enhance them to live more productively in the community. This amendment would create a streamlined system where there would be single point of entry for long term care. In addition, it would ensure that people who are presently receiving home and community services would not be at risk of becoming institutionalized with reduced home and community services.

Would the amendment cost their state more money? No, Connecticut would SAVE MONEY by enhancing federal reimbursement under the State Balancing Incentive Program. This amendment would qualify for Medicaid reimbursement for current home care programs that are state funded.

Therefore, the Council hopes that the Commissioner of Department of Social Services would amend the Medicaid State Plan under section 1915(i) under the Social Security Act.

Thank you,

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