

Hello, my name is Brian Capshaw and I live at Aurora Senior Living of East Hartford a nursing home. As a nursing home resident I'm pleased to submit testimony regarding SB 419.

I've been a nursing home resident for more than four years. I was very ill when I entered Aurora Senior Living. I needed to apply for Title XIX Medicaid benefits, to assist with the \$7,000 monthly cost to reside at the facility. With the help of my family members we were able to contact the right people to make sure the application was filled out correctly and all the options available to me would be offered.

Paragraph C of SB 419 which would allow a nursing home facility to assist and file a Title XIX application for residents of the facility. This paragraph should be deleted from this bill. I feel that any individual having to be placed in a nursing home facility should be aware of all their options when applying for Title XIX Medicaid benefits. A nursing home staff member may not inform the applicant of all their options under Connecticut law, such as the opportunity to establish a special needs trust, make prepaid funeral arrangements or buying the necessities you need in a nursing home, because once you become Title XIX Medicaid eligible you only get a monthly personal needs allowance of \$60.

In conclusion I'd like to thank the judiciary committee and its members for reading my written testimony. I hope you will reconsider paragraph c and delete it from SB 419.

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