

# CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, INC.

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**Written testimony of Matthew V. Barrett, Executive Vice President, Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities (CAHCF), Inc. concerning the Department of Social Services' proposed "Section 1115 Demonstration Authority Request for Medicaid Low-Income Adult (LIA) Coverage Demonstration."**

The Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities (CAHCF), our state's one hundred and fifty member trade association of post-acute, transitional and long term care nursing homes, appreciates the opportunity to submit written testimony concerning the Department of Social Services' proposed "Section 1115 Demonstration Authority Request for Medicaid Low-Income Adult Coverage Demonstration.

The proposed Department of Social Services (DSS)' "Section 1115 Demonstration Authority Request for Medicaid Low-Income Adult Coverage Demonstration" as submitted to the committees addresses a range of concerns expressed by Connecticut nursing homes in the public input process. Specifically, DSS has concluded that that the 90-day nursing facility benefit limitation for LIA enrollees will not be included in the waiver application to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services as further evaluation is needed concerning the process for finding alternative coverage, including other Medicaid coverage, notification of changes and the transition process for those losing coverage under the proposed Waiver. Given these important revisions to the waiver application, CAHCF has no objection to the 1115 waiver proposal as submitted to the committees.

We acknowledge and appreciate the consideration of DSS Commissioner Roderick Bremby, and representatives of the agency's Medical Care Administration and Adult Services divisions, in this matter. Finally, we look forward to continuing to work with the Executive and Legislation Branches of Connecticut State Government on proposals to deliver cost-effective and high quality skilled nursing facility services to Connecticut's rapidly increasing long term care population in the future.

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