



## **Testimony to the Aging Committee**

**March 4, 2014**

**In support of**

**SB 244, An Act Increasing Home Care Provider Rates**

**Presented by Maureen Dolin, Director of Adult Day Services at Hebrew Health Care,  
President of CAADC**

Good morning Senator Ayala, Representative Serra, and members of the Aging Committee. My name is Maureen Dolin and I am the Director of Adult Day Services at Hebrew Health Care in West Hartford and the President of the Connecticut Association of Adult Day Centers, an organization of adult day centers from across the state of Connecticut. I am here today to testify in support of Senate Bill 244, An Act Increasing Home Care Provider Rates.

CAADC joins our colleagues in urging your support of increasing the provider rates within the Connecticut Home Care Program. While we understand the challenge the Connecticut Legislature faces to fairly fund so many vital services and programs, we firmly believe adult day centers and other community based services funded by this programs save Connecticut significant long-term care dollars by meeting the growing needs of Connecticut's elderly and their caregivers in the community and preventing premature placements in skilled nursing facilities, expensive emergency room visits and avoidable hospital stays.

The full day of services provided by adult day centers, including door to door transportation, cannot be sustained on the current home care program rate of \$70.22 a day. We provide nursing care, nutritional meals, personal bathing, and critical socialization. We have listed all our services in our submitted testimony. At my center, it currently costs approximately \$85 to provide a full day of services. We lose \$14.78 a day on each home care program client and this is a loss we cannot continue to sustain. Adult day centers across the state are also facing similar financial concerns.

We encourage the Committee to support the bill before you which would provide an immediate increase in the rates and which would require a review of the program rates in the next budget cycle and the imposition of an annual indexing. These are the appropriate steps to take to ensure a strong community based network of services for our aging adults.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony and I would be happy to answer any questions.

**Adult Day Center Services provided through the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders**

<b>Adult Day Center Services are a <i>full day of care</i></b>
<b>Activities, Companionship, Socialization &amp; Supervision</b>
<b>Medication Administration</b> by licensed Nurses
<b>Nutritious Meals</b> including Breakfast, Hot Lunch, Snacks, and continuous encouragement of liquids
<b>Bathing/Showers</b> are available and personal care is provided
<b>Caregiver Support, Information, and Education</b> are readily available
<b>Escorted Transportation, door to door,</b> is provided to and from the Center
<b>Assistance</b> in Coordinating and Planning client's long term care needs is available
<b>Opportunities</b> for daily face to face individual consultations, information and referral, support and assistance
<b>Currently reimbursed \$70.22 per day</b>

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