

## Proposed Budget Cuts

February 27, 2015

Dear Appropriation Committee members,

The biennial budget proposed by Governor Dannel P. Malloy is in a word short-sighted. If the budget is passed in its present form home healthcare providers will see cuts of more than \$225 million. These cuts will make it harder for Medicaid clients to find home health agencies willing to treat them. Why? Currently Hartford HealthCare at Home loses money on each Medicaid client that it serves.

Last year our Agency lost more than \$4.6 million dollars when rendering care to Medicaid clients and when rendering charity care to clients with no insurance. If we add the estimated cuts as proposed in Malloy's budget the Agency runs the risk of losing upwards of \$5.7 million dollars, a risk that we cannot afford.

We, like many agencies across the state, will have to make difficult decisions as to our ability to continue providing care the most vulnerable patients, families and communities.

We ask that you give careful consideration when reviewing and recommending changes to Governor Malloy's budget. Please protect healthcare access to citizens of Connecticut.

Sincerely,



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