

My name is Steven Richheimer and it's been my pleasure to be the administrator of Tracy Manor, a Residential Care Home for the last 32 years. Residential Care Homes are designed specifically to be non-medical living environments. The proposed requirements of SB 1030 would dramatically alter that. The proposal would also require drastic financial changes to implement.

I started to think about the the cost associated with some of the proposals of SB 1030 and wondered if the law makers understand the full financial implications of applying SB 1030 to Residential Care Homes.

Nursing staff would be required for IV's and infection control, so I Googled average nurse hourly pay in CT. see below

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So \$39.12 per hour X 24 hours per day = \$938.88 per day
\$938.88 X 365 days = \$342,691.20 per year, per residential care home.
There are approximately 120 Residential care homes in the state
120 homes X 342,691.20 = \$41,122,944

So, we are at a little over \$41 million annually without factoring in the additional cost of payroll taxes, health benefits, unemployment, and workers comp insurance for the new staffing requirements.

In addition to the added payroll cost associated with licensed staffing, we will also incur a huge increase in our Professional and General Liability Insurance cost to now cover licensed staff providing medical care.

There are many RCH's who are in jeopardy because of the inequity of a decade of frozen rates and increased requirements. Our requests for fair reimbursement have gone unanswered because of budgetary challenges. Is the State really ready to spend an additional 45 to 50 million dollars per year? There is little or no benefit as there are already facilities that can handle medical services?

RCH's have always provided the State of CT. with a tremendous value! For about the price of a cheap hotel, Residential Care Homes provide 24 hour a day care, supervision of medication, laundry, housekeeping, meals, recreation, transportation, and a loving family atmosphere to a

challenging population. It's extremely unrealistic to expect us to be able to provide the additional services of a medical facility without drastically changing our reimbursement system. SB 1030 is designed for medical facilities. Residential Care Homes are not medical facilities, and the requirement should not apply.

Sincerely,

Steve Richheimer
Tracy Manor