



INVITATION

Public Forum: 15% Funding Cut to CT Psychiatric Community-Based Services

To: Connecticut State Legislators, Public Officials, and State Agency Leaders
Healthcare Providers of Behavioral Health Services
Social Service Agencies and Advocates for Medicaid Behavioral Health Clients
Municipal Leaders, Mayors, Police, Public Safety Officials
Interested Parties

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2016

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Location: CT Legislative Office Building (LOB), 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT

Please join the [Connecticut Association for Healthcare at Home](#) for a community conversation about the human, financial, and social implications of the **CT State Plan Amendment (SPA 16-023)** proposal for a 15% reduction to Medicaid home health medication administration effective July 1, 2016.

Links to Resources:

[DSS Provider Bulletin](#) June 2016-26

[SPA 16-023-Home Health Medication Administration Reimbursement Reduction](#)

About us:

CT licensed home health agencies are collaborative partners in serving the needs of the state's Medicaid behavioral health population using a person-centered, recovery-model approach in order for these clients to achieve independence and live safely in the all 169 Connecticut communities.

Home health medication administration is an important and cost-effective component of holistic and coordinated healthcare delivery in keeping Medicaid behavioral health clients' chronic conditions managed in a way that avoids costly hospital emergency room visits and long-term institutionalization.

A 15% cut to these services has the potential of destabilizing thousands of CT residents with severe and persistent mental illness currently receiving medication in the community.

In anticipation of the proposed July 1 reimbursement cut, home health agencies are being forced to evaluate the financial impact and what that means for the future of their behavioral health medication administration services, their clients, and their overall agency fiscal viability.

The social impact of patient discharges could lead to serious challenges for CT communities. Individuals with mental illness, without medication support, will destabilize resulting in potential community safety issues, additional pressure on police, the corrections system and social service agencies, hospital Emergency Departments, and a potential increase in the need to institutionalize those requiring 24/7 medical and behavioral health support.