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CONNECTICUT FAILS TO RAISE RATES FOR HOME BASED CARE

Hartford, Conn. – This week, the Connecticut legislature passed a new biennial state budget. The bill did not include any meaningful increases in funding for Medicaid rates for home and community-based care. In response, Tracy Wodatch, President & CEO of the Connecticut Association for Healthcare at Home, released the following statement:

“By failing to raise rates for home and community-based care, Connecticut missed a critical opportunity to invest in a model of care that is proven, cost-effective, and preferred by patients. Care at home also prevents unnecessary hospitalizations and helps avoid costly institutional care, thereby saving the state money. By failing to act, Connecticut is continuing to push the burden onto hospitals onto nursing homes, and ultimately onto taxpayers.

This is more than a missed opportunity to reduce costs—it’s a failure to support the thousands of vulnerable Connecticut residents who rely on this care to live safely and independently at home. As we look ahead to the next legislative session, we will continue fighting for a 10% increase across all home care provider types and a multi-year plan for sustainable funding. This is not the end of the conversation. It is a call to action for our future.”

Without meaningful action, Connecticut continues to risk:

- An increase in preventable hospitalizations and unnecessary long-term care admissions;
- Escalating healthcare costs that strain both the state budget and taxpayers;
- A growing number of residents unable to access care at home;
- Further depletion of the home care workforce as providers are forced to withdraw from Medicaid.

Yet, strategic investments in Care at Home would mean:

- Reduce Medicaid expenditures;
- Protect access for vulnerable populations;
- Strengthen Connecticut’s local healthcare workforce and economy;
- Align with bipartisan goals of cost containment, health equity, and aging in place.

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