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### **POLITICAL LEADERS VISIT DAY KIMBALL HEALTHCARE**

PUTNAM, CT – Day Kimball Healthcare recently hosted two separate visits by political leaders for roundtable discussions on the latest initiatives by the state in improving the delivery of care to patients and the positive work being done by the doctors and employees of Day Kimball Healthcare.

On October 12, 2010, Congressman Joe Courtney learned more about Day Kimball's expansion of its Plainfield Healthcare Center which increases access to primary care to all of the communities in the region. Discussions also centered on computerization in the healthcare field and the benefits not only to patient outcomes, but also to controlling healthcare costs. Congressman Courtney was impressed by Day Kimball's progressive approach to technology projects and commented on the challenges other organizations are having with the adoption of technology.

Then, on October 21, 2010, then Democratic candidate for CT Governor Dan Malloy, CT State Senator Don Williams, CT State Representative Mae Flexer, then candidate for CT House of Representatives Danny Rovero, and Pomfret First Selectman Jim Rivers visited Day Kimball. Robert Smanik, Day Kimball Healthcare president and CEO reviewed the current status of Day Kimball's strategic plan and the important role Day Kimball Healthcare plays in the care of State-funded patients from Thompson to Plainfield. Dan Malloy was very engaged in affirming the work of Day Kimball Healthcare and expressed the importance of the healthcare safety net to the state of Connecticut.

After the discussion portion for each visit, the groups toured Day Kimball Hospital's Maternal Child Health Department and learned about the organization's newest technology project, Medication Administration Check/Medication Administration Record (MAK/MAR). Nursing and information technology staff gave a live demonstration of this process using a computer on wheels, bar coded wrist braces and scanning devices, and explained the importance of this technology to improve patient safety.

Day Kimball Healthcare is a non-profit, integrated medical services provider comprised of Day Kimball Hospital, four healthcare centers in Danielson, Dayville, Plainfield and Thompson, Day Kimball HomeCare, Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern CT, Day Kimball HomeMakers and Physician Services of Northeast CT. Its service area includes Northeast Connecticut as well as nearby Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities. Day Kimball Healthcare's comprehensive network offers more than 1,000 employees including more than 200 highly-skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its website is [www.daykimball.org](http://www.daykimball.org).