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**CHA Statement on the 2015 Legislative Session**

WALLINGFORD – Jennifer Jackson, CEO, Connecticut Hospital Association, made the following statement on the legislative session and the state budget, which expands the hospital tax from \$269 million to \$315 million per year and cuts Medicaid provider rates by \$30 million per year:

We need to work together to develop strong public policy to achieve a sustainable healthcare environment in our state. These cuts, taxes, and regulatory burdens, which endanger our hospitals and their patients, are devastating and unsustainable.

The cuts and taxes contained in the state budget hurt all of us by hacking away at our state's fragile healthcare safety net. Cuts and taxes will negatively impact quality of care, programs and services offered by hospitals, jobs in hospitals and our communities, and our economy.

In a legislative session that delved into some of the most complex healthcare issues and challenges ever, we advocated for the essential needs of hospitals as they move forward in the new reality of healthcare delivery. While we appreciated discussion with legislators on a number of these issues, a host of new and unnecessary regulations will stifle hospitals at a time when they must be nimble to provide the best care to patients in the most appropriate setting.

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**About CHA**

The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut's hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut's hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, community health, diversity, and hospital reimbursement.