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CHA Statement on Cut to Community Care Team Funding

WALLINGFORD – Jennifer Jackson, CEO, CHA, released the following statement in response to the news that funding for Community Care Teams was slashed in Governor Malloy’s rescissions.

We are deeply disappointed that the Governor has unilaterally cut funding to Community Care Teams, a program that was created to help treat and care for persons suffering from chronic and persistent medical and mental health conditions. This innovative program would have helped those most in need of medical and mental healthcare; eased the burden on care providers in our emergency rooms; demonstrated collaboration among hospitals and other community providers of healthcare, housing, and social services; and saved the state money, since many of these patients are also Medicaid clients.

Cuts to this program run counter to the very nature of reforming the mental health delivery system in Connecticut, and counter to hospitals’ continued efforts to reform how care is delivered to Connecticut residents.

This is just another troubling example of how the Governor’s cuts are undermining our state’s healthcare infrastructure and the well-being of its residents. We strongly urge Governor Malloy to reconsider these devastating funding cuts, which harm patients and the hospitals that care for them.

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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, population health, health equity, and value-based reimbursement.