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## **CHA: Governor's Proposed Budget Would Devastate Hospitals**

WALLINGFORD – Jennifer Jackson, President and CEO of the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA), made the following statement about Governor Malloy's proposed FY 2014-2015 budget:

CHA is profoundly disappointed by the budget proposed today by Governor Malloy that significantly cuts hospital funding, shredding the state's healthcare safety net. It is unacceptable for the state to balance its budget – yet again – on the backs of hospitals and the patients they serve.

The administration has acknowledged that these cuts will hurt hospitals, but that is an understatement. *Quite simply, it will devastate them.* The cuts will cause immediate and lasting damage to Connecticut's health and human services safety net—affecting patients, employees, and every community in the state. Moreover, it will undoubtedly put people out of work at a time when the state is focused on job growth.

And while we applaud the Governor's decision to move Medicaid patients into the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange, it must be done in a responsible way so there is no gap in coverage, and so the healthcare savings achieved from that move is reinvested in the healthcare system.

We urge lawmakers to oppose the proposed budgetary cuts and fix this damage.

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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.