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CT Hospitals Testify in Opposition to Property Tax Bill
Testimony Comes as New Report Shows CT Hospitals Invested \$1.5 Billion in
Community Benefit Initiatives in 2013

WALLINGFORD – Today, CHA and Connecticut hospitals are testifying in Hartford in opposition to [**SB 945, An Act Concerning The Tax Exempt Status Of Certain Hospital Facilities**](#). SB 945 is Governor Malloy’s proposal that would allow municipalities to levy property tax on any off-campus property owned by a hospital. Not only would the measure fly in the face of 200 years of history, but it would make costs go up and negatively affect all Connecticut residents.

Connecticut hospitals epitomize the reason that the property tax exemption was created. They play a unique and critically important role in their communities – a role that continues to grow. In 2013, Connecticut hospitals invested \$1.5 billion in community benefit initiatives and provided more than 12.3 million services to individuals and families, according to the Connecticut Hospital Association’s [2015 Community Benefit Report](#), released today. These include support services for cancer, diabetes, asthma, and other chronic conditions, mobile vans and clinics delivering primary and preventive care, healthy lifestyle education programs, and many other programs targeted to meet specific community needs. View an infographic [here](#).

In 2013, Connecticut hospitals spent:

- \$57.2 million - community services to improve the health of the community.
- \$29.3 million - research and programs to advance care for patients and the community.
- \$12.4 million - donations to help support community organizations.
- \$7.3 million - community building.
- \$3.9 million - subsidized health services to provide care needed by the community.*
- \$217.7 million – incurred cost for uncompensated care.
- \$1.2 billion – incurred cost due to unpaid government-sponsored healthcare.

“Connecticut hospitals play a large and growing role in improving the health of people in their communities through their primary care, prevention, and population health management services,” said Jennifer Jackson, CEO, Connecticut Hospital Association. “But proposed funding cuts and taxes in Hartford, including the imposition of a property tax levied on not-for-profit hospitals, will threaten hospitals’ ability to maintain community benefits at current levels and would affect access and services for all patients.”

Connecticut hospitals urge legislators not to cut and tax hospitals. Cuts, taxes, and regulatory obstacles are the wrong prescription for a strong and healthy healthcare system for Connecticut’s residents.

* Most subsidized health services funds are reflected in the “unpaid costs of government programs” numbers.

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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.