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Hospitals Converge on Hartford for Connecticut Hospital Day at the Capitol

On April 11, more than 600 nurses, doctors, patients, and others in the healthcare community converged on Hartford for Connecticut Hospital Day at the Capitol. The day began with a press conference featuring patients, caregivers, and legislators, and was followed by meetings with legislators. State Representative Catherine Abercrombie, State Senator Len Fasano, State Representative Vin Candelora, and State Senator Tony Guglielmo opened the press conference with comments in support of hospitals.

Jennifer Jackson, President and CEO of the Connecticut Hospital Association, described how the Governor's proposed \$550 million in cuts would hurt patients, hospitals, communities, and the economy.

"There is no way around it – cuts of this magnitude will impact patient care, shutter programs and services, put people out of work in hospitals and communities across the state, and lay an added healthcare cost burden on businesses, resulting in higher premiums for workers," said Ms. Jackson. "We are here today to warn legislators about what will happen if the administration is allowed to tax hospitals, and use money intended for healthcare purposes to balance the budget instead."

"There is no way to absorb the deep cuts in the Governor's proposed budget," added Patrick Charmel, President and CEO of Griffin Hospital, "without hospitals having to eliminate or significantly reduce the capacity of services that require an operating subsidy like outpatient behavioral health services, preventive services, community education, and outreach activity. It will also result in reduction of hospital staffing levels, which will without a doubt adversely impact clinical and service quality."

Andy Hull, RN, from Danbury Hospital, spoke about how cuts would affect patients. "Losing this safety net will severely limit how people in our communities can access needed prevention, screenings, and primary care services. And, sadly, the people who need care the most usually become those who lose care first," he said.

Bristol Mayor Art Ward, who would have died if not for the emergency team at Bristol Hospital, spoke about the importance of community hospitals. "I was born and raised in Bristol," he said. "Bristol Hospital is my community hospital. The doctors and nurses there are my neighbors, and they saved my life in an emergency."

"Hospitals are all about their communities," added Marie O'Brien, Chairman of the Board of Bristol Hospital. "In the midst of healthcare reform, we are leading the way to strong, stable change. But if the administration taxes hospitals to balance the budget, it will stop this momentum. We need to protect funding for our community hospitals, so they can continue to protect and care for each and every one of us."

Speakers called on legislators to protect Connecticut's hospitals and, in turn, patients and Connecticut's economy. They urged legislators to work with them to find long-term solutions to make hospital care better, more efficient, and less costly.

To date, more than 100,000 e-mails have been sent to legislators, asking them to preserve hospital funding and oppose cuts. For more information, view www.protectmyhospitalct.org.





Education Updates

Financial Skills for Managers

Thursday, April 18, 2013

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

As the demands of healthcare reform pick up speed, carefully managing the financial health of the organization is more important than ever. Resources are scarce and stretched to the breaking point. Doing more with less is routine. The need for sound business and financial management tools—survival skills—is paramount for all managers. These include planning and budgeting, financial analysis, and maximizing resources, all of which are essential if managers are to achieve the institution’s mission and contribute to “bottom line” results. Bill Ward, a popular and dynamic lecturer on financial management in healthcare, will present the program.

Continuing education credits will be awarded. Please see the brochure for details.

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Leaping From Staff to Management: The Next Steps

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Whether recently assigned to the role of manager or a seasoned veteran, it is important to determine how well your problem solving and decision making skills are keeping pace with the ever-changing healthcare environment. For those who attended “Leaping from Staff to Management: You’re a Manager. Now What?” in February, this second course in the two-part program provides additional development for all managers who want to

continually improve their skills.

Continuing education credits will be awarded. Please see the brochure for details.

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HIPAA Privacy and Security Rule Changes

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The long-delayed HIPAA privacy and security rule changes have finally been issued! These changes will substantially affect operations for all HIPAA covered entities and business associates. This program will explain what's changed, review which policies and contracts related to business associates and their subcontractors need revision, and outline the compliance deadlines.

Continuing education credits will be awarded. Please see the brochure for details.

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Partnership for Patients - Preventing CAUTI Session

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Healthcare associated infections are targeted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) for improvement through the Partnership for Patients national initiative. Join us for an interactive session, which will focus on the sharing of strategies that can assist you in implementing highly reliable processes proven to reduce catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI).

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