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LEGISLATIVE ALERT

PLEASE CALL YOUR LEGISLATORS AND ASKED THEM TO SUPPORT EXPANSION OF ACCESS TO HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR:

- People who need long term care to determine where and how they receive that care;
- People who want to remain in or return to their homes and communities can do so; and
- People to obtain home and community-based services and supports based on need, not on age, diagnosis or disability (THIS MEANS CHILDREN, TOO!).

Contact your legislators this week and urge them to support home and community based services for children with special health care needs!

Find your legislators by going to: <http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/CGAFindLeg.asp>

Act now! Legislators listen to you! Use the link above and find your legislators. Let them know you support home care for all Connecticut children whose families are struggling to care for them alone.

We support a Home and Community Care State Plan Amendment that:

- **Ensures people who presently receive home and community services do not have those services reduced.**
- Assures persons whose personal or family income is at or below 300% of the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit and who need help are eligible for home and community-based services and supports that allow them to live in the community.

Access to home care keeps people out of institutions. Home Care saves state funds.

Enhanced Home And Community-Based Services And Supports Save Connecticut Money By:

- Reducing Connecticut's reliance on expensive institutional long term care.
- Enhancing federal reimbursement under the State Balancing Incentive Program.
- Qualifying for Medicaid reimbursement for current home care programs that are totally state funded such as the state funded Home Care for Elders Program and the state funded Home Care for the Disabled.
- Simplifying administration, developing standardized contracting, application and assessment instruments, and improving program efficiency.

So please contact your legislators today and forward this alert to five others who also support expanding access to home care for children with special health care needs!