



Nancy Wyman

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Dear Advocates,

Thank you for contacting my office regarding the upcoming transition for Medicaid recipients to a shared savings model. As you mentioned in your letter, Connecticut's Medicaid program is consistently rated one of the best in the nation, and our successful implementation of the Affordable Care Act has been celebrated as a model for other states across the country. I am proud of the work we've done thus far, and look forward to the full realization of our efforts to create a healthcare system that promotes patient-centered, coordinated care for Connecticut consumers.

As you are well aware, Connecticut's Healthcare Innovation Plan goals are threefold: to promote better health while eliminating health disparities; to improve healthcare quality and experience; and to reduce the growth in healthcare costs. Our receipt of the SIM grant is meant to further these goals, and, once fully applied, will reconfigure our healthcare system to focus on coordinated care that not only enhances quality and accessibility, but also significantly decreases the disparities in health outcomes. This shift in focus to coordinated care will particularly benefit Medicaid enrollees who, as you know, often face unique barriers that result in fragmented and inconsistent care.

While I take pride in the continued success of Connecticut's Healthcare Innovation Plan and our efforts to improve the delivery of healthcare to Connecticut citizens, I understand your concerns regarding the impending plan to move 200,000 Medicaid recipients to a shared savings model. That is why we have decided to delay the transition for a full six months. By delaying the proposed move of these Medicaid members, we will be able to adequately ensure high quality, accessible care, while mitigating the potential negative ramifications that may be created by the transition. I am confident that, despite the delay, we can work to make Connecticut's healthcare system the best it can be for all of its citizens.

Again, thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Wyman".

Nancy Wyman
Lieutenant Governor