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Legislative Update

The Connecticut Association for Home Care & Hospice

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Dear Kristen,

[Connecticut Association for Home Care & Hospice](#) (CAHCH) has been keeping abreast of continuing budget negotiations at the state capitol. As the summer comes to a close, state legislators and Governor Jodi M. Rell remain in an increasingly bitter stalemate as they cannot agree upon taxes and spending cuts. For more details on the negotiation efforts, see below.

Please let us know if you have any suggestions regarding the update. Suggestion or questions can be emailed to Kristen Archibald at archibald@cahch.org.

Budget Update

Earlier today, Governor M. Jodi Rell announced willingness to make concessions on the state budget, offering a compromise on taxes. Rell will agree to an increase on income taxes of individuals making \$500,000 and families earning \$1 million and reducing the sales tax in an effort to have a budget in place by September 1st.

Governor Rell is also requesting the General Assembly come up with an additional \$520 million in spending cuts.

Democratic leaders in the House and Senate cancelled tomorrow's planned session as they analyze the Governor's proposal and discuss if a deal is attainable.

CAHCH lobbyists, Rome Smith Lutz & DePino Associates are working to obtain details on potential spending cuts. Details will be forthcoming as they become available.

CAHCH members are still encouraged to make a brief contact, by email or phone, with their legislators to reiterate our core messages:

- Home care is consumer-preferred and saved the taxpayer over \$91 million in 2007 by preventing or delaying admission to nursing homes.
- Our Medicare funding may be significantly cut under the health reform proposal currently under consideration in Washington.

The State of Connecticut must step up to the plate to prevent a disaster for our elderly and disabled citizens, as well as taxpayers.

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