



Representing not-for-profit providers of aging services, supports, health care and housing

LeadingAge Connecticut members help thousands of older adults every day by providing the aging services, supports, health care and housing that they need, when they need them, in the place they call home. Our member organizations cover the entire spectrum of aging services including adult day services, home health care, senior housing, assisted living, residential care homes, life plan communities, chronic disease hospitals and skilled nursing homes.

Our Advocacy Priorities

The Transitioning of Aging Services

Connecticut is successfully rebalancing our long-term services, supports and health care system so that more people can receive the services and care they need in community-based settings. LeadingAge Connecticut continues to support the rebalancing effort and is committed to working with the state to continue on this path, even if we encounter changes in federal funding and regulation. **To accomplish successful rebalancing, the state must:**

- ***Strengthen and invest in our entire system of long term services, supports and health care***
- ***Support a collaborative and efficient regulatory and reimbursement environment that is adaptive and receptive to forward thinking ideas and solutions to rebalance the system***
- ***Encourage and enable providers of aging services, supports, health care and housing to adjust, modernize and diversify their models of care to meet current and future consumer needs and expectations***
- ***Expand and strengthen affordable housing options for older adults***

Medicaid Reimbursement

Quality services, supports and health care for aging adults cannot be sustained without rates of reimbursement that cover the cost of providing them. **We urge the state to:**

- ***Protect the Medicaid rates of reimbursement as cutting rates will place us further behind in the development of a strong continuum of long term services, supports and health care***
- ***Address the reimbursement rate needs of all providers of aging services, supports, and health care in a fair and judicious way***
- ***Begin the bigger conversation of how we, as both a state and a nation, will address the financing of long term service, supports and health care in the coming decades***

Affordable Senior Housing with Services

Connecticut has very successful models of delivering Medicaid home care program services and supports to residents of affordable senior housing, allowing them to stay in their affordable apartments as they age. This includes our affordable assisted living sites. **The state needs to continue to invest in the development, capital needs, and operations of affordable senior housing** so as to expand the number of available housing units where needed aging services can be delivered.



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