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# CONNECTICUT HOSPITALS

## CREATE REAL CHANGE BY CARING FOR CONNECTICUT



**Hospitals' doors are always open, their lights are always on, and caregivers are always ready to heal.**

### **The cornerstones of their communities...**

- Provide **compassionate, high-quality care** for patients 24/7
- Invest in **communities** through programs that connect residents to health screenings, nutritious food, and stable housing
- Support nearly **260,000 jobs**
- Bolster the **economy** as purchasers of local services and goods

### **...even when faced with enormous challenges**

- **Critical healthcare workforce shortage**
- **Continued financial challenges exceeding national and regional trends**
- Pressure from **rising expenses** related to operational costs, such as prescription drugs and supplies, and workforce costs
- **Systemic cost drivers**, including commercial insurance practices, administrative burdens, and Medicaid and Medicare payments not keeping pace with the cost of care – harming patient access

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

State government and local lawmakers are key partners in providing high-quality, affordable, and accessible care to every patient.

## Support Accessible Healthcare

- Keep **hospitals sustainable** so they can continue contributing to healthy communities and a strong economy
- Remove barriers to healthcare access by improving the state's **Certificate of Need (CON) process**
- Collaborate to ensure that the state Medicaid program pays rates that cover the cost of care
- Support policies that address **unfair insurance practices** that create barriers to care
- Oppose policies that would further strain hospitals, such as cost growth benchmark penalties, arbitrary caps on commercial payments, site-neutral payment cuts, and further restrictions on facility fees, which would reduce access to critical healthcare services, especially in underserved communities

## Support Healthcare Workers

- Continue collaborative efforts to stop workplace violence
- Bolster hospitals' recruitment and retention efforts to address the critical healthcare workforce shortage

## Support Vulnerable Communities

- Partner with hospitals to advance health equity, improve maternal health outcomes, and address social drivers of health, such as access to affordable housing and nutritious food. This includes **reimagining Medicaid** to invest in local communities and preventive care programs, enhancing the health of people for generations to come
- Invest in **behavioral health** services and care
- Protect the **340B Drug Pricing Program** to ensure access to more affordable prescription drugs and programs that support underserved communities
- Address **unfair health insurance company practices**, like burdensome prior authorization policies, that reduce access to care

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