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CHA Statement on Rescissions Announced Today by Governor Malloy

WALLINGFORD – Jennifer Jackson, CEO, CHA, released the following statement in reaction to Governor Malloy's emergency cuts, which slashed funding for Medicaid and mental health services.

We are outraged that the Governor would slash Medicaid funding that is desperately needed to care for the most vulnerable people in our state. With nearly one in five Connecticut residents on Medicaid, withdrawing even more funding from the state's obligation is outrageous. It puts a tremendous additional strain on healthcare providers, who already provide services with reimbursement that is nowhere near the actual cost of delivering that care.

Today we are urging legislators to intervene and protect their constituents and communities. Sweeping cuts to this vital program will hurt patients and their communities, and further cripple our state's economy.

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About CHA

The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut's hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut's hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, population health, health equity, and value-based reimbursement.