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Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities  
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Mag Morelli  
LeadingAge Connecticut  
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Dear Mr. Barrett and Ms. Morelli,

Please be advised that the Lamont administration has endorsed a proposal for Medicaid rate increases for nursing homes in state fiscal years 2020 and 2021 as follows:

- 2% rate increase effective July 1, 2019.
- 1% rate increase effective October 1, 2020
- 1% rate increase effective January 1, 2021

This funding is in addition to the 2% Medicaid increase for nursing home rates that was effective November 1, 2018 and, as has been the practice in the past, must be used to enhance employee wages and benefits, though nursing homes may request certain exceptions to this from the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, if necessary.

I will work with legislative leaders in the Connecticut General Assembly over the coming days to address the funding for these rate increases in the state budget for the upcoming biennium. You can expect to receive additional information from the Department of Social Services in the coming weeks regarding the implementation of these increases.

Thank you for your work to provide care to Connecticut's vulnerable elderly and disabled individuals in need of long-term services and supports in skilled nursing facilities.

Sincerely,

Melissa McCaw  
Secretary

c: Honorable Martin Looney, President Pro Tempore, State Senate  
Honorable Joe Aresimowicz, Speaker, State House of Representatives  
Ryan Drajewicz, Chief of Staff, Office of Governor Ned Lamont  
Commissioner Roderick Bremby, Department of Social Services