

## Comments in Opposition to Primary Care Roadmap

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Dear Tina Hyde ([Tina.Hyde@ct.gov](mailto:Tina.Hyde@ct.gov))

My name is Christina Calabro and I am the Executive Director for the Western Connecticut Association for Human Rights, WeCAHR. We are an advocacy organization serving individuals with disabilities in the western part of the state since 1977. The majority of the individuals we serve are eligible or anticipate becoming eligible for Medicaid. Our organization signed-on as part of the larger coalition the letter dated October 22, 2021.

Some specific concerns of the Roadmap are:

Current initiatives in Connecticut that are improving primary care access and quality are being ignored or undermined, particularly the PCMH (no +) managed fee-for-service Medicaid program, and would harm those models.

Person centered community care models work and the Roadmap promotes a corporate, medical model to provide social and behavioral health services.

Connecticut's health disparities could worsen by incentivizing primary care providers to add Medicaid enrollees to their rolls to get monthly capitated payments which are provided regardless of services rendered, and then to refuse them appointments/regularly refer them to specialists instead, for whom there is already an access problem under Medicaid. This would be harmful to the individuals we serve.

On behalf of WeCAHR, we object to the entire Primary Care Roadmap presented. If implemented, this will have a negative impact on the individuals we serve.

Thank you for reviewing my comments.

Sincerely,



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