

## Connecticut Association of Area Agencies on Aging

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- Federal & State designated planning agencies for older adults
- Highly visible centers of information, assistance & supportive services
- Capacity builders for local nonprofits serving older adults and persons with disabilities
- Counselors with unbiased solutions to complex health insurance problems

**Call your local AAA today!**

**North Central AAA  
860-724-6443**

**Senior Resources AAA (Eastern)  
860-887-3561**

**South Central AAA  
203-785-8533**

**Southwestern AAA  
203-333-9288**

**Western AAA  
203-757-5449**

<http://www.ctagenciesonaging.org/>

## Home & Community-Based Providers

Our State developed the **Connecticut Home Care Programs (CHCP)** for a person having trouble staying independent and in their own home. The Program allows financially and functionally eligible persons access to the care needed to maintain independence and dignity. Most individuals, if given a choice, would prefer to remain home. Numerous studies including one by Kaiser Permanente indicate home & community-based waiver programs (CHCP) present significant direct financial savings to Medicaid long-term care (LTC) programs. The supports for CHCP are provided by a network of dedicated home care providers. Meals on Wheels, adult day, aides, companions and other home care options must be supported with a fair and equitable reimbursement that maintains parity with increases to CT's minimum wage.



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## Lower Prescription Drug Costs

The cost of health care is one of the biggest concerns for Connecticut residents. For adults on a fixed income, a change in prescription coverage or the need for a specialty drug can send them spiraling towards poverty. Twenty-four percent of Americans didn't fill a prescription last year due to high costs, and 19% say they skipped a dose or cut pills in half because they're so expensive. C4A asks legislators to explore drug importation from Canada, tackle the rising price of insulin, form a drug review board, ban a practice known as "pay to delay"—which postpones the introduction of cheaper, generic drugs into the market, and place a prohibition on mid-year changes to drug formularies. We also ask that legislators hold the Medicare Savings Plan harmless through budget negotiations so this critical program continues to provide prescription drug cost relief to our residents.