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Rep. Conroy Votes to Restore Griffin Hospital Funding

State Representative Theresa Conroy (D-Seymour, Beacon Falls, Derby) voted in favor of a bipartisan budget deficit mitigation that restores Medicaid reimbursement payments to the state's hospitals – including funds to Griffin Hospital.

Earlier this month, Governor Dannel Malloy and the Office of Policy and Management suspended millions-of-dollars in payments to Connecticut's hospitals – a potential loss of \$728,516 to Griffin Hospital.

“We knew this deficit mitigation would be difficult,” Rep. Conroy said. “But we also knew we had to restore funding to Griffin Hospital.”

Over the past year, legislators have repeatedly worked to restore funding Governor Malloy has cut from hospitals.

In June of 2015, Legislative Democrats approved a state budget that included \$4.8 million for Griffin Hospital. In September, Governor Malloy unveiled a package of budget rescissions that included up to \$84 million in cuts to hospitals and reduced Griffin's state funding to \$1.2 million. Rep. Conroy worked to ease the impact to Griffin Hospital and by early October, Governor Malloy agreed to restore \$14.1 million to the state's small hospitals.

In early December, Legislative Democrats approved a bill that restored funding for Griffin to \$4.72 million. The Governor halted the distribution of that funding in March, but this legislation will restore that funding.

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