

(HARTFORD, CT) – **Congressman John B. Larson** announced today that Community Health Services in Hartford will be receiving \$385,125 in federal funding through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Ryan White Part C Outpatient Early Intervention Services Program. The funding will be used to bring comprehensive outpatient health care to people living with HIV disease.

"For years funding through the Ryan White program has supported essential medical care for people living with HIV/AIDS in Connecticut," said Congressman Larson. "Communities across the state rely on this funding to provide them with services that make living a healthy and productive life possible. I am very pleased to see Community Health Services receive this grant and I look forward to seeing them continue their excellent patient-focused care."

"Community Health Services, Inc (CHS) would like to express its sincere appreciation to HRSA for renewing our Ryan White Part C Early Intervention Services funding through 2015," stated Kenneth Green, Chief Executive Officer of CHS. "With this funding, in conjunction with other Federal and State funding that benefits Persons Living with HIV/AIDS, CHS is able to provide a full range of comprehensive primary care health services to our Ryan White patients across all clinical disciplines. Statistics show that if caught early and treated appropriately, HIV/AIDS has become a very manageable chronic disease condition. Afflicted persons are now able to live out a normal, productive lifespan thanks to the funding streams that allow CHS to provide the treatment and services they need."

The Ryan White Program provides funding for primary medical care and essential HIV related support services. The program was first authorized in 1990 and has since grown to provide services for more than 500,000 people every year.

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