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Governor Malloy and State Bond Commission Award Hospital for Special Care \$2.5 Million to Continue Electronic Medical Records System Development

Second phase supports implementation across all inpatient units

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. (June. 13, 2016) – [Hospital for Special Care](#) (HSC) announced today that it has received a \$2.5 million capital grant-in-aid to cover the second phase of the implementation of an electronic medical records (EMR) system from Governor Malloy and the State Bond Commission. This second and final phase of the EMR project was unanimously approved at the May 27, 2016, Bond Commission meeting and it will include rolling out clinical documentation across all of HSC's inpatient units, including its recently-opened autism inpatient unit. The implementation encompasses nursing, therapy and physician documentation as well as a new pharmacy ordering system to ensure medication compliance.

With 228 inpatient beds and two locations (its main campus in New Britain and satellite in Hartford) this is a significant undertaking and is expected to take at least two years to implement at.

"Hospital for Special Care is a national leader in long term rehabilitative care and they bring positive exposure to New Britain for their work," said Representative Rick Lopes (D-24). "I'm happy to have been able to help this important institution."

"I am so pleased that our hard work has paid off," said Representative Betty Boukus (D-22). "I want to thank Governor Malloy and the Office of Policy and Management for working with us to make sure this funding would come to fruition."

"Hospital for Special Care has consistently adapted to the ever-changing medical landscape to deliver advanced quality care to Connecticut, including their newly implemented autism inpatient unit, which is the first of its kind in the state," said Senator Terry Gerratana (D-6). "After experiencing great success throughout the first phase of this EMR project, I have no doubt that this grant will streamline processes at the hospital for all of its inpatient units."

"We are grateful for these funds and fully appreciate the magnitude of this commitment from Governor Malloy and the state," said Lynn Ricci, president and CEO, Hospital for Special Care. "We have been working closely with the

Governor and his team since the beginning of his term. The Governor's support and dedication to autism as well as other specialties further helps ensure we're offering the best care.”

In 2013, HSC received \$3.6 million to cover the purchase and implementation of the electronic medical records system that serves as the foundation of a patient-centered medical home (PCMH) at its [Autism Center](#). The EMR allowed HSC to document and gather the clinical information necessary to apply for its designation as a Patient Center Specialty Practice (PCSP) for autism.

All PCMHs must be accredited by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), and in order to obtain NCQA accreditation the hospital needed an electronic medical records (EMR) system to meet requirements. As a result, in February 2015 HSC was named the first PCSP in the country for children with autism.

For more information about Hospital for Special Care, please call 860.223.2761, or visit www.hfsc.org.

About Hospital for Special Care

Hospital for Special Care (HSC) is one of the five largest, free-standing long-term acute care hospitals in the United States and the nation's only long-term acute-care hospital serving adults and children. HSC is recognized for advanced care and rehabilitation in pulmonary care, acquired brain injury, medically-complex pediatrics, neuromuscular disorders (including ALS research), spinal cord injury, comprehensive heart failure as well as diagnostic, assessment and consulting services for children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorders.

Located in New Britain and Hartford, CT, HSC operates inpatient and outpatient facilities serving Southern New England and the Tri-State area on a not-for-profit basis. For the latest news and information, please visit www.hfsc.org, and follow us on Twitter [@HospSpecialCare](#).

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