

***“The recent budget package restored funding for hospitals and human services safety net programs, lowered business taxes, and cut \$350 million in state spending to balance the 2016 budget.”***

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## **Route 4 at I-84 Ramp Paving Completed**

Route 4 paving at the UConn Health Center and I-84 exit ramp is just part of the Connecticut DOT's resurfacing program. A safe, reliable transportation network drives economic growth and job creation.



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## Patient-Designated Caregivers

Some patients end up returning to the hospital soon after discharge because they had not been instructed properly on their follow-up care or were unable to follow instructions. A new law called the CARE (Caregiver Advise, Record, Enable) Act, requires the hospital to document and notify a caregiver (who has been chosen by the patient) about the patient's discharge plan and follow up care.

## Developmental Screenings for Children

A new law will support developmental screenings, which are an important tool in identifying potential delays in a child's physical and mental development. Early detection increases opportunities for early intervention and improved outcomes, while reducing special education costs.

## The Weatherization Assistance Program

If you qualify for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program, you may also be eligible for the Connecticut Weatherization Assistance Program. This program helps low-income persons minimize energy-related costs and fuel usage in their homes through retrofits and home improvement measures. For more information contact [DEEP.Weatherization@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.Weatherization@ct.gov).

## Military Retirement Pay: Tax Exempt

We cut taxes for Veterans effective for tax years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2015, allowing a 100% CT state income tax exemption for military retirement pay. The exemption applies to Federal retirement pay for all retired members of the U.S. Armed Forces, Coast Guard, and CT Army and Air National Guard.

