



**MEMORANDUM**



To: Town of Waitsfield  
From: Judy Peterson, RN, BSN, CVHHH President and CEO  
Date: November 1, 2011  
Subject: 2012 Town Funding Request

Please accept this as Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice's written request to be listed on your March 2012-13 warning/ballot for town funding in the amount of \$2,600, the amount that Waitsfield voters have agreed to fund for the past 4 years.

Our mission is to provide high quality, medically-necessary home health and hospice care to all Central Vermonters regardless of their ability to pay. In order to maintain our commitment to this mission we are finding it necessary to raise more funds. To this end we are asking the 23 towns in our service area to take steps to approach a minimum allocation of \$2 per capita for their town. However, in Waitsfield, due to the August storm, we have decided to request level funding for this year as we know resident's needs are so diverse right now.

The health care industry is changing dramatically. Hospital patients are being discharged home "quicker and sicker", more people are choosing to receive their end-of-life care at home, and there is a growing demand for community-based long term care services. Yet, while labor and transportation costs are increasing, CVHHH is faced with continuing Medicare rate cuts and inadequate funding for many crucial programs.

Therefore, town funds are more important than ever to support critical health promotion programs, home health, hospice, and support services to the residents of Waitsfield who are uninsured, underinsured, or otherwise unable to pay.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me or Lindsay Kurrle, our Community Relations Coordinator, at 223-1878.

Thank you for your kind attention to this request.