

Rhode Island Governor Vetoes Moratorium Legislation

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Donald L. Carcieri, Governor of Rhode Island, has vetoed legislation which was passed by the Rhode Island legislature last week. S. 2425 would have placed a one year moratorium, beginning January 1, 2011, on the issuance of a new initial license for hospice, home nursing and home care providers.

“This issue was promoted as a measure to control the quality of licensed facilities and operators of home, nursing and hospice care in Rhode Island,” said Governor Carcieri in a letter sent to the President of the Rhode Island Senate. “Some are concerned that as the State continues to promote alternative care arrangements, especially in non-institutional settings, quality may suffer. Questions or concerns about quality can be addressed through the licensing process. The moratorium is unnecessary and could send the wrong message to providers of these health care services.”

NPDA opposed S. 2425 and has expressed appreciation to Governor Carcieri for his veto of the bill. NPDA continues to monitor and oppose license moratorium measures that are still in play in a number of states.

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