



**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
SUBMITTED TO THE
INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
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**HB 6135, An Act Concerning Standards In Contracts Between
Managed Care Organizations And Physicians**

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support of **HB 6135, An Act Concerning Standards In Contracts Between Managed Care Organizations And Physicians**. HB 6135 would establish specified requirements to be included in contracts between managed care organizations and physicians.

Specifically, HB 6135 would establish standards in contracts between healthcare providers and managed care organizations, preferred provider networks, and organizations operating workers' compensation insurance arrangements, and require such contracts to include explanations of payment methodology and time frames, fee schedules, restrictions on service code reductions, and restrictions on unilateral changes.

CHA supports the intent of HB 6135 to establish contractual standards and explanations, which will provide clarity and consistency in managed care contracting, and respectfully requests that it be amended to apply these same contractual standards, as appropriate, to hospitals.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

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