



**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
SUBMITTED TO THE
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 5, 2014**

HB 5386, An Act Concerning Care Coordination For Chronic Disease

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **HB 5386, An Act Concerning Care Coordination For Chronic Disease**. CHA supports this bill.

HB 5386 would require the Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the Comptroller, representatives of hospital community and other healthcare providers to develop a plan to reduce the incidence of chronic disease, including, but not limited to, chronic cardiovascular disease, cancer, stroke, chronic lung disease, chronic metabolic disease and psychiatric illness. The bill also calls for the development of an improvement plan for the coordination of care of such chronic diseases.

Hospitals have long played a critical role in improving the health and quality of life of people in our communities. HB 5386 would allow healthcare providers from Connecticut hospitals to share with the commissioner, comptroller and other stakeholders their experience in identifying and addressing the variety of factors contributing to chronic disease and would allow hospital-based providers the opportunity to share their best practices in treating patients with chronic diseases. The goals of HB 5386 address the core mission of all those who work in Connecticut hospitals and for that reason, Connecticut hospitals support HB 5386.

Thank you for your consideration of our position. For additional information, contact CHA Government Relations at (203) 294-7310.