



**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
SUBMITTED TO THE
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 22, 2017**

**PROPOSED HB 6025, An Act Allowing Medical Assistants To Administer
Medication Under Supervision**

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **Proposed HB 6025, An Act Allowing Medical Assistants To Administer Medication Under Supervision**.

Before commenting on the bill, it's important to point out that Connecticut hospitals provide high quality care for everyone, regardless of ability to pay. Connecticut hospitals are finding innovative solutions to integrate and coordinate care to better serve patients and communities, as well as achieve health equity. These dynamic, complex organizations are working to build a healthier Connecticut. That means building a healthy economy, community, and healthcare system. By investing in the future of Connecticut's healthcare and hospitals, rather than continuing to cut away at them, we will strengthen our economy, put communities to work, and deliver affordable care that Connecticut families deserve.

HB 6025 would allow medical assistants to administer medication under the supervision of a physician or an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN). CHA supports the goal of allowing medical assistants to administer medications under the appropriate supervision.

If the Committee decided to take further action on HB 6025, CHA respectfully requests that the bill be amended to: (1) allow physician assistants to supervise medical assistants to administer medication; and (2) identify the settings in which such supervision could take place to include a hospital, including an emergency department, physician office, inpatient clinic, or ambulatory surgical center.

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