



**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
SUBMITTED TO THE
INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

HB 5384, An Act Concerning Prescription Drug Costs

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **HB 5384, An Act Concerning Prescription Drug Costs**.

Before commenting on the bill, it's important to point out that Connecticut hospitals provide high quality care for everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. Connecticut hospitals are dynamic, complex organizations that are continually working to find innovative ways to better serve patients and communities and build a healthier Connecticut. By investing in the future of Connecticut's hospitals, we will strengthen our healthcare system and our economy, put communities to work, and deliver affordable care that Connecticut families deserve.

One of the goals of HB 5384 is to look at ways to decrease the cost of prescription drugs. CHA shares that goal. Hospitals are impacted on a daily basis by the increasing costs of prescription drugs.

Section 2 requires health plans to submit an annual report to the Insurance Commissioner containing statistical information on a variety of issues. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of Section 2 requires health plans to submit information on complaints regarding healthcare providers and quality of care, including the ratio of the number of complaints received to the total number of individuals insured. As drafted, it is unclear what information a health plan will be required to report, how a health plan determines a complaint has been made, how a health plan determines the complaint impacts the quality of care, and what the definition of quality of care is.

We respectfully request that Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of Section 2 be deleted. We look forward to working with this Committee to address the rising cost of prescription drugs.

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