



**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
SUBMITTED TO THE
INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 1, 2018**

SB 210, An Act Concerning Surprise Medical Bills For Laboratory Services

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **Proposed SB 210, An Act Concerning Surprise Medical Bills For Laboratory Services**.

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. They are developing integrated delivery networks with physicians, services, and technology to make sure patients receive high quality, coordinated, cost-effective, patient focused, and equitable care. 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.

In talking with the proponents of the bill, CHA understands that the goal of the proposed legislation is to address an issue with billing conducted by outside labs and not to impact negatively the delivery of care at Connecticut hospitals. CHA supports providing information to patients and helping to provide clarity on expectations. CHA would appreciate the opportunity to work with the proponents and the Committee to ensure that the legislative language addresses the concern raised without impacting negatively the delivery of care at Connecticut hospitals.

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