



**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
SUBMITTED TO THE
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 26, 2020**

**SB 145, An Act Requiring Pharmacies To Make Manufacturer
Rebates For Prescription Drugs Available To Patients**

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **SB 145, An Act Requiring Pharmacies To Make Manufacturer Rebates For Prescription Drugs Available To Patients**. CHA has concerns about the bill as drafted.

Before commenting on this bill, it is important to point out that Connecticut hospitals and health systems provide high quality care for everyone, regardless of their ability to pay, and work to improve the health of those who live in our communities. Supporting Connecticut's hospitals strengthens our healthcare system and our economy.

SB 145 establishes a requirement for pharmacies to make pharmaceutical manufacturer rebates for prescription drugs available to patients at the point of purchase.

If the Committee intends to take action on SB 145, CHA respectfully requests that the Committee make several changes to the language of the bill for clarity. Specifically, CHA requests that the Committee:

- Specify that the provisions of the bill do not apply to pharmacists dispensing in hospital, inpatient and outpatient settings, and
- Specify that the provisions of the bill do not apply to the federal 340b Drug Pricing Program or other government rebate programs.

Without these changes CHA is concerned that SB 145 may interfere with the dispensing of pharmaceuticals in hospital settings.

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