



**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
SUBMITTED TO THE
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

HB 6439, An Act Concerning The State Budget For The Biennium Ending June Thirtieth, 2023, And Making Appropriations Therefor

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **HB 6439, An Act Concerning The State Budget For The Biennium Ending June Thirtieth, 2023, And Making Appropriations Therefor**.

The Hospital for Special Care (HFSC) has submitted testimony requesting the Appropriations Committee provide them with an increase in their Medicaid reimbursement. HFSC provides care for patients who qualify for Medicaid and require a long-term acute care hospital level of care. They have operated at capacity throughout most of this year, serving patients most severely impacted by COVID-19.

Patients at HFSC, like the other chronic disease hospitals in the state, are directly admitted from acute care hospitals across Connecticut. These hospitals are a valuable partner to Connecticut's acute care hospitals and an integral part of the care continuum. The value of that relationship has become even clearer during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We respectfully request this Committee provide the Hospital for Special Care and the other chronic disease hospitals in the state with a needed and well deserved Medicaid rate increase.

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