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CHA STATEMENT ON TODAY’S HEALTH INSURANCE RATE INCREASE PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

WALLINGFORD – The **Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA)** released the following statement regarding today’s Health Insurance Rate Request Public Information Session hosted by the Connecticut Insurance Department at the Legislative Office Building:

“This year, Connecticut hospitals and health systems worked collaboratively with the Governor and legislators to adopt policies that will help improve affordability and sustain world class healthcare delivery in Connecticut. As the Governor says, it will take everyone working together to slow the rate of healthcare cost growth and we welcome other industry colleagues, including in the health insurance industry, to join in that work. Addressing the rise in commercial health insurance cost growth also requires state partners to address the significant underpayment by Medicaid for healthcare services, which puts significant pressure on commercial health insurance costs.

“Connecticut hospitals work every day to deliver exceptional, accessible quality care for everyone who walks through their doors, regardless of ability to pay, despite the pressures of dramatically rising inflation-driven costs, workforce shortages, government underpaying caregivers for services provided to patients on Medicare and Medicaid, and treating sicker patients than before the pandemic. While we face these headwinds, we will continue to work to develop a more sustainable healthcare delivery system in our state.”

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