



Quality is Our Bottom Line

**Testimony of the
Connecticut Association of Health Plans
Before the Human Services Committee
March 15, 2007**

**SB 1127, AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHARTER OAK HEALTH PLAN AND
HEALTH CARE ACCESS**

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans is pleased to offer its support for SB 1127, An Act Concerning the Charter Oak Health Plan and Health Care Access.

We believe that the Governor's bill provides an attractive framework for achieving broader access to health insurance for a substantial portion of Connecticut's uninsured population.

While the legislature is considering a range of approaches to ensuring access to healthcare, we feel it is very important to point out that Connecticut, through the existing market, market enhancements like small group underwriting laws, subsidies for individual products and, most especially, the HUSKY Program, has an extraordinary system of ensuring access. With programs like Charter Oak, we can close most of the remaining gaps in our system.

We look forward to working with this committee, and with the Department of Social Services, on implementation of this and other important components of reform.