

Statement of the
Radiological Society of Connecticut
before the
Human Services Committee
March 15, 2007
SB 1127

Members of the Committee:

The Radiological Society of Connecticut (RSC) commends you for considering several proposals today that will bring health care to the citizens of Connecticut who are currently uninsured.

We specifically commend Governor Rell for proposing the Charter Oak Health Plan. That bill would permit a 20 percent co-payment for imaging services such as MRI, CAT Scan and PET. This provision, unfortunately, conflicts with the legislation you enacted last year that places limits on these very co-pays (Public Act 06-180).

Under the 2006 law, patients cannot be charged more than \$75 for an individual MRI or CAT Scan, or \$375 for all such images performed in a calendar year. The co-pays are slightly higher for PET.

The 20 percent co-pay permitted under Charter Oak could easily exceed the limits contained in PA 06-180.

The Radiological Society of Connecticut requests that if you JF the Governor's proposal, that you specify the co-payments for imaging services are 20 percent of the total service fee up to the specific dollar limits contained in PA 06-180.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.