

**TESTIMONY OF  
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BEFORE THE  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
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**SB 1425, An Act Concerning Managed Care Organizations Contracting With The  
Department Of Social Services  
HB 7278, An Act Concerning Improved Access To Health Insurance  
HB 7322, An Act Concerning Medicaid Managed Care Reform  
HB 7375, An Act Concerning Health Care Access And Expansion Of The Husky Program**

My name is Stephen Frayne and I am Senior Vice President, Health Policy of the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA). I appreciate the opportunity to testify on behalf of CHA and its members on **SB 1425, An Act Concerning Managed Care Organizations Contracting With The Department Of Social Services, HB 7278, An Act Concerning Improved Access To Health Insurance, HB 7322, An Act Concerning Medicaid Managed Care Reform, and HB 7375, An Act Concerning Health Care Access And Expansion Of The Husky Program.**

As drafted, these bills contain many needed provisions that expand access to quality healthcare by: increasing outreach, making it easier to enroll, and providing presumptive and continuous eligibility. My testimony today will focus on two things: first, Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) and second, involvement in the Medicaid Managed Care Council.

Regarding PCCM, should there be efforts approved to experiment with PCCM we believe those efforts must be open to hospital participation. Today hospitals are major providers of primary care services to the Medicaid and SAGA populations. Annually, hospitals provide over 600,000 primary and specialty care visits in their clinics and over 300,000 outpatient-mental health visits. As a consequence, hospitals must be included in the design of such a system and offered the opportunity to be participants.

Regarding HB 1425, section 4 proposes to add an additional seat to the Medicaid Managed Care Council for the Healthcare Advocate. We would request that two seats to represent hospitals also be considered.

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