



80 SEYMOUR STREET
P.O. BOX 5037
HARTFORD, CT 06102-5037
860/545-5000

Testimony of J. Kevin Kinsella, Vice President of Hartford Hospital

***Raised Bill No. 662
Human Service Committee***

My name is J. Kevin Kinsella, Vice President of Hartford Hospital and I'm here today in support of Raised Bill No.662 "An Act Regarding Medicaid Eligibility and Reimbursement".

In the 2007 legislative session the General Assembly appropriated funds to increase Medicaid reimbursement for general hospitals, physicians and other providers. These increases are greatly appreciated and begin to address the years of under funding in Connecticut. One major discrepancy, however, is that the SAGA rates were not simultaneously raised with Medicaid rates. This has created a situation where two similar populations receiving the same service are reimbursed at different levels. Raised Bill No. 662 would begin to correct this inequity. The bill proposes to increase in SAGA rates in the following areas: Inpatient Services; Partial Hospital Programs; Intensive Outpatient Programs; Medically Monitored Detox; Outpatient Services and Methadone Maintenance Services.

I urge the committee to vote in favor of Raised Bill No. 662.