



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

TESTIMONY PRESENTED BEFORE THE INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

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5242

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House Bill 5242 - An Act Concerning Health Insurance Coverage for Required Vaccinations

The Department of Public Health provides the following information in regards to House Bill 5242.

Current Status of Vaccinations

- DPH Immunizations Program makes all routinely recommended childhood vaccines available to healthcare providers free of charge
- Vaccination inventory is funded by state insurance companies under CGS 19a-7j and federal funding

Costs Associated With Childhood Vaccination

- There is currently **NO DIRECT COST** to parents for childhood vaccines covered by DPH Immunizations Program
- Parents may incur out of pocket costs for:
 - Visit to practitioner
 - Administration of vaccines
 - Cost of vaccines not covered by DPH Immunizations Program

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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