



Quality is Our Bottom Line

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Insurance Committee Public Hearing

February 10, 2009

Testimony on behalf of the

Connecticut Association of Health Plans

regarding

HB 5395 AA Increasing Penalties for Balance Billing.

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans is pleased to support HB 5395 AA Increasing Penalties for Balance Billing.

Providers are currently prohibited under state law from balance billing members who are in health plans in which the provider is participating. However, there are clearly instances in which such billing still occurs. Putting a consequence in place for such actions would certainly inhibit future behavior of this nature and we support its passage.

Thank you for your consideration.