



The Connecticut Association of Not-for-profit Providers For the Aging

Testimony to the Human Services Committee

**Regarding of
House Bill 6524, An Act Concerning Managed Care for Certain Medicaid
Beneficiaries**

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Good morning Senator Doyle, Representative Walker, and members of the Human Services Committee. My name is Mag Morelli and I am the President of the Connecticut Association of Not-for-profit Providers for the Aging, (CANPFA), an association of over 150 not-for-profit providers of aging services.

CANPFA is pleased to have the opportunity submit the following testimony regarding House Bill 6524, An Act Concerning Managed Care for Certain Medicaid Beneficiaries.

CANPFA must object to this bill as written as it would require the Commissioner of Social Services to develop a plan to enroll Medicaid beneficiaries who are aged, blind or disabled in managed care by the first of the year.

This proposal is of great concern to us, particularly if the priority and determining factor of accepting such a plan would be the projected cost savings. A managed care system would be a major system change for these Medicaid beneficiaries, and particularly those residing in nursing homes. Rapidly instituting such a change without a comprehensive assessment of its potential impact is inappropriate and inadequate. We strongly suggest that this concept be studied by a representative group of interested parties before any such plan is proposed. We encourage the committee to reject this bill as written.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

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