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**Statement  
Of  
Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
On  
SB 75 An Act Requiring Written Notice of Discontinuation Of Certain Health Insurance  
Coverage**

Good afternoon Senator Crisco, Representative Fontana and members of the Insurance Committee, my name is Christine Capiello and I am the Director of Government Relations for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Connecticut. I am here today to speak on **SB 75 An Act Requiring Written Notice of Discontinuation Of Certain Health Insurance Coverage.**

It appears that this legislation is seeking to require us to send notification to members when tests, etc or any medical policy requires a change in coverage. We are unsure of the practical implication of this legislation; would this legislation require health insurers to send members complicated medical policy that may come about because of newly discovered research, etc. that can cause coverage to change? In addition, when medical policy does change we provide that information to providers that are participating in our network. However, non-participating providers, because we have no relationship with them, do not receive this information. Does this mean that a member would receive information that a certain diagnosis code had changed, along with the accompanying complicated medical policy, and understand what it means and that he should provide that information to his non-par physician as most plans that we sell allow members to see non-par physicians with a cost share for the member.

We would also like to point out that this legislation would incur some cost because we currently do not send out changes in medical policy, etc. to members. At a time when purchasers of health insurance are very conscientious of their premium dollar, this would be an added cost.

Thank you for your time and attention and I welcome any questions you might have.