



HB 5004

TESTIMONY
OF THE
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
TO THE
INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local governments - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to testify before this joint committee on issues of concern to towns and cities.

HB 5004 "An Act Concerning Transparency in Health Insurance Claims Data"

CCM supports HB 5004.

Among other things, this bill would disclose to municipal officials, upon request, the aggregate number of procedures or services performed for covered employees of their particular town or city, as well as the number of prescriptions filled for their employees - listed by the prescription drug name. The information would be provided by "practice type and by service category" and would remain confidential to municipal officials only.

It is no secret that health insurance costs are one of the biggest cost-drivers of any municipal budget. HB 5004 would provide local governments with invaluable information during the critical process of shopping for health insurance -- and offer useful benchmarks when negotiating policies. This information could also serve as a catalyst for vital wellness programs, as local officials would be able to pinpoint areas of concern and improvement among their employees.

CCM urges the Committee to favorably report HB 5004.



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