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SB 1154, An Act Concerning The Reporting Of Claims Information To The Comptroller And Additional Duties Of The Comptroller

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to present testimony concerning **SB 1154, An Act Concerning The Reporting Of Claims Information To The Comptroller And Additional Duties Of The Comptroller.**

Section 2 of SB 1154 authorizes the Comptroller to convene a group of stakeholders to facilitate the development and establishment of health care provider payment reforms, including, but not limited to, multi-payer initiatives, accountable care organizations, patient-centered medical homes, primary care case management, value-based purchasing, and bundled purchasing. CHA applauds the Comptroller for establishing a working group of interested entities as the Comptroller advances the goals of federal healthcare reform. CHA supports these reforms and would like to actively work with the state to achieve them; however, we caution that such efforts not be duplicative of efforts of the Department of Social Services, the Office of Policy and Management, and the Special Advisor to the Governor on Healthcare Reform.

Under current law, hospitals submit inpatient discharge data to the Office of Health Care Access (OHCA), and various other data as OHCA requests. Section 3 of SB 1154 expands the data required to be submitted to OHCA to expressly include outpatient data, and data from outpatient surgical facilities. Additionally, SB 1154 would allow the Comptroller to access hospital and outpatient surgical facility data through a memorandum of understanding between OHCA and the Comptroller's office. CHA agrees with the goal of providing data to OHCA, but has concerns over the increased cost and implementation issues for hospitals and outpatient surgical facilities.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

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