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Statement
Of
Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield
On
S.B. No. 1158 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING UTILIZATION REVIEW, GRIEVANCES
AND EXTERNAL APPEALS PROCESSES OF HEALTH CARRIERS.

Good afternoon, Senator Crisco, Representative Fontana and members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. My name is Christine Cappiello and I am the Director of Government Relations for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Connecticut and I am here to testify on S.B. No. 1158 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING UTILIZATION REVIEW, GRIEVANCES AND EXTERNAL APPEALS PROCESSES OF HEALTH CARRIERS.

We understand the importance of this legislation so that the Connecticut statutes can conform to federal healthcare reform. We are still reviewing this voluminous proposed bill and look forward to working with the committee and the Insurance Department on this legislation.

Thank you for your time and I am here to answer any questions that the Committee might have.