



TESTIMONY OF
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HB 5329, An Act Concerning the Use of Telepharmacy by Hospitals
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This letter is in support of **HB 5329, An Act Concerning the Use of Telepharmacy by Hospitals.**

HB 5329 would expand a newly established and effective pilot program at Yale-New Haven hospital that allows patients to receive IV care and treatment closer to home. Under terms of the pilot program, the IV care is overseen by a pharmacist providing real-time audio and visual review of the activities of a pharmacy technician working at the satellite location.

Additionally, the pharmacy technician takes photographs of the sterile products at each step of the process for real-time review and verification as well as long-term technical stores and quality review.

This bill would expand the pilot program so that patients statewide would also be able to benefit from this convenient new service. The expanded service would include the same quality standards and safeguards, which comply with all applicable Department of Consumer Protection pharmacy regulations. Lawrence & Memorial Hospital supports this initiative.

I would also support the Connecticut Hospital Association's request for a minor technical change that would, in line 45-46, replace "an appropriately licensed individual" with "a licensed pharmacist."

Thank you for your consideration of our position on this bill.