



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

TESTIMONY PRESENTED BEFORE THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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House Bill 5285 – An Act Adjusting Community Health Center Rates for Capital Investments

The Department of Public Health has the following concerns regarding House Bill 5285.

The Department would like to bring the testimony from the Department of Social Services to your attention concerning current practices for reimbursing Federally Qualified Health Centers via Medical, and/or Dental and/or Mental Health Federally approved prospective rates. The proposed bill for a capital cost rate adjustment would be an unnecessary duplication of the scope of service process that is already in place. Several changes to state statutes, regulations and the state plan would be required if this bill were to move forward.

Furthermore, lines 26 through 27 of this bill includes the Department's Office of Health Care Access and pursuant to Public Act 10-179, Senate Bill No. 494 the Office no longer regulates capital expenditures related to Certificate of Need projects. Additionally, under the same Public Act the definition of a Health Care Facility, as it relates to Certificate of Need, does not include Community Health Centers and therefore, they are not required to seek Certificate of Need authorization.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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