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Insurance & Real Estate Committee

Public Hearing

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Connecticut Association of Health Plans

Testimony in Opposition to

SB 97 AAC Breast Ultrasound Screening
SB 98 AAC Deductibles and Guidelines for Colonoscopies

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans respectfully urges the Committee's rejection of SB 97 AAC Breast Ultrasound Screening and SB 98 AAC Deductibles and Guidelines for Colonoscopies.

While we appreciate the intent of the legislation, it will simply add an appreciable cost to the delivery system that will ultimately be passed onto consumers via higher premiums. The ability of health plans to incorporate cost sharing mechanisms into various benefit design packages is critically important to providing affordable insurance products. Removing flexibility in the process, particularly given that the costs have not proven prohibitive, makes little sense at a time when the state at-large is attempting to address issues related to universal coverage.

We urge your opposition.

Thank you for your consideration.