



Quality is Our Bottom Line

Public Health Committee Public Hearing

Friday, March 16, 2012

Connecticut Association of Health Plans

Testimony in Opposition to

SB 368 AAC the Health Information Technology Exchange of Connecticut

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans respectfully urges the Committee's rejection of SB 368 AAC the Health Information Technology Exchange of Connecticut. The strength and usefulness of the Exchange will be determined by its ability to collect and house data across the wide spectrum of the State's population. Requiring an opt-in provision for the collection of information has the potential to undermine the fundamental promise of the Exchange to provide meaningful data by limiting participation. The use of electronic medical records is widely recognized in almost every health reform effort as a key element to the better delivery of care and we ask that the committee recognize its importance by rejecting SB 368.

Thank you for your consideration.