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**Public Health Committee**

**Public Hearing**

**Wednesday, March 21, 2012**

**Connecticut Association of Health Plans**

**Testimony in Opposition to**

**SB 424 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT AN ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING SYSTEM AND DEVELOP A STANDARDIZED PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM.**

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans respectfully urges the Committee's rejection of SB 424 AA Establishing a Pilot Program to Implement an Electronic Prescribing System and Develop a Standardized Prior Authorization Form. Even as a pilot program, requiring that health plans, many of whom operate on a national scale, use a prior authorization form that's singular to Connecticut would add appreciable and significant cost to the system at a time when premium price sensitivity is at its highest. Health plans are striving to reduce their administrative costs in compliance with federal health care reform requirements. The key to that success is the ability to operate as efficiently and expeditiously as possible. Passage of SB 424 would simply add an unnecessary administrative mandate and we would strongly urge its rejection.