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TO: Insurance and Real Estate Committee

FR: Joe Treadwell, DPM  
Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association

RE: House Bill 5485

The Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association supports the development of the health insurance exchange here in Connecticut. We appreciate your work and leadership on this issue and stand ready to assist you during the deliberations over benchmark plans and essential health benefits. We believe health plans should cover a variety of services including all those that are currently mandated in chapter 700c. We believe Podiatric services should be part of the package of essential benefits that are offered to all consumers who purchase plans on the exchange.