



Statement concerning

House Bill 6381 – An Act Concerning Health Insurance Claim Forms and Uniform Treatment Authorization Forms for Mental Health Services

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

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This statement is being submitted on behalf of the Connecticut Medical Group Management Association concerning House Bill 6381 – An Act Concerning Health Insurance Claim Forms and Uniform Treatment Authorization Forms for Mental Health Services.

House Bill 6381 would allow health care providers to use a National Provider Identifier (NPI) in lieu of a federal tax identification number on an HCFA1500 payment claim form, and require the development of a uniform treatment authorization form for mental health services. The use of an NPI in lieu of a federal tax identification number is a far more secure way for a provider to submit a claim. The use of federal tax identification numbers, social security numbers or an Employer Identification Number (EIN) can give way to identity theft as a claim passes through different entities in the process. While the bill does not mandate that a provider use an NPI, it allows for it for those who want to use it.

Second the bill would also require the creation of a uniform treatment authorization form for mental health services. Currently several different forms exist with a great deal of staff time being wasted on navigating the nuances of each carrier's form. Given current technology a more uniform treatment authorization form seems reasonable and would enable quicker decisions on coverage, eligibility and physician payment.

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