



Support for SB 35 AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF ACQUISITIONS, JOINT VENTURES AND AFFILIATIONS OF GROUP MEDICAL PRACTICES

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Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson and Members of the Public Health Committee:

The Connecticut Psychological Association (CPA) is writing **in support of SB 35 AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF ACQUISITIONS, JOINT VENTURES AND AFFILIATIONS OF GROUP MEDICAL PRACTICES**, a bill intended to implement the Governor's recommendations.

In addition, you are likely aware that physicians can join practices with non-physician disciplines; for example, ophthalmologists and optometrists are often in joint practice. In 2013, a statute (P.A. 13 - 157) was also enacted that allows physicians and psychologists to incorporate together as business partners and to establish integrated practices that provide both mental health and medical services. The language in SB 35 appears exclusive to physicians; however, the intent of the bill appears to also include acquisitions, joint ventures and affiliations between physicians and non-physician entities.

We therefore suggest an addition or clarification of the language in SB 35 to include acquisitions, joint ventures and affiliations medical practices with non-physician practices.

Again, CPA urges your support of SB 35 AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF ACQUISITIONS, JOINT VENTURES AND AFFILIATIONS OF GROUP MEDICAL PRACTICES, with a clarification to include medical groups that have affiliated with non-physician practices.

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