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Testimony

In Support of HB 6550 An Act Concerning Medicaid Provider Audits

Human Services Committee
February 11, 2015

Dear Chairman Moore, Chairman Abercrombie, Senator Markley, Representative Wood and members of the Human Services Committee

I am writing to you in support of **HB 6550 AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID PROVIDER AUDITS**

It seems to me that DSS has abused the intent and spirit of CGS 17b-99 against our health care industry. Extrapolation is a means to project the results from a small sampling of an audit, and makes sense to use where fraud is detected since, in the presence of fraud, the accuracy of an audit becomes much more difficult. In those situations, the burden should shift to the providers to prove their actual exposure. Absence fraud, our providers should not be subject to the arbitrary use of extrapolation that ties the hands of our providers to litigate and defend against a financially crippling audit.

I would respectfully request that subdivision (3) of subsection (d) of section 17b-99 of the general statutes be amended to remove a provision allowing for the use of extrapolation in audits of any Medicaid provider with annual claims in excess of two hundred thousand dollars. This provision is used as a catch all for the agency to overuse the method of extrapolation in an attempt to raise revenue for the state.

Connecticut must reestablish its cooperative relationship with our healthcare industry, and I believe this bill begins that dialogue.

Sincerely,

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