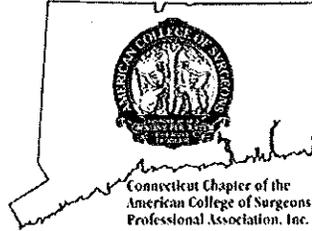


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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 6 An Act Decreasing The Time Frames for Urgent Care Adverse Determination Review Requests
Insurance and Real Estate Committee
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Senator Crisco, Representative Megna and members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, on behalf of the physicians and physician-in-training members of Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) and the American College of Surgeons (ACS) thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of **Senate Bill 6 An Act Decreasing The Time Frames for Urgent Care Adverse Determination Review Requests**. The language in this proposed legislation decrease from seventy two to forty eight hours the utilization review period for urgent care reviews, expedited review requests and expedited external review requests when requested services are denied. Currently three days are afforded to make these critical determinations.

CSMS strongly supports Senate Bill 6. Any prudent individual would consider waiting three days for a decision in an urgent situation far too long, regardless of the diagnosis, the condition being treated, or the medical treatment prescribed. Add to that seventy two hour period another seventy two hours during the pendency of an expedited review and another seventy two hours should an expedited external appeal be necessary and up to nine days could be taken while a patient awaits a decision on coverage for medically necessary care.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony to you today. Please support Senate Bill 6.