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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
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HB 5915, An Act Concerning The Practice Of Classical Homeopathy

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **HB 5915, An Act Concerning The Practice Of Classical Homeopathy**.

Connecticut hospitals treat everyone who comes through their doors 24 hours a day, regardless of ability to pay.

Before commenting on the bill, it's important to point out that this is a time of unprecedented change in healthcare, and Connecticut hospitals are leading the charge to transform the way care is provided. They are focused on providing safe, accessible, equitable, affordable, patient-centered care for all, and they are finding innovative solutions to integrate and coordinate care to better serve their patients and communities.

HB 5915 seeks to permit classical homeopaths to provide complementary and alternative healthcare services. The scope of practice for certified classical homeopaths was reviewed during the 2012 Department of Public Health scope of practice review process.

CHA was pleased to participate in the Review Committee and encourages the Public Health Committee to use the findings and conclusions identified in the report, "An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health's Oversight Responsibilities Relating to the Scope of Practice Determinations: Scope of Practice Review Committee Report on Classical Homeopaths," if the Committee decides to take action on this bill.

Thank you for your consideration of our position. For additional information, contact CHA Government Relations at (203) 294-7310.