



Connecting Connecticut Through Health Information Technology

**TESTIMONY OF EHEALTHCONNECTICUT, INC.
SUBMITTED TO THE
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015**

Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and members of the Public Health Committee:

eHealthConnecticut appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony concerning **SB 812, An Act Concerning Electronic Health Records and Health Information Exchange**.

eHealthConnecticut is a not for profit entity incorporated in January 2006 and represents a collaborative approach to meeting the challenges of health information technology adoption and interoperability for Connecticut. It is governed by a Board of Directors representing physicians, providers, consumers, purchasers, payers, academia, and quality organizations.

eHealthConnecticut operates in a transparent fashion with the necessary privacy and security protections in place to earn trust from all entities and the general public.

eHealthConnecticut's mission is to facilitate the statewide adoption of electronic health records, health information exchange, and quality reporting to dramatically improve the quality, safety, and efficiency of health care in Connecticut.

SB 812 contains the following as item (2): that "the general statutes be amended to designate "eHealth Connecticut" as the entity for advancing the use and adoption of electronic health records in all health care provider settings and for coordinating and integrating public and private health information technology and information exchange efforts in the state."

eHealthConnecticut fully supports the need for the State to develop a working health information exchange in support of the State's desire to transform healthcare for its residents. We stand ready to leverage our deep technical knowledge and consulting experience to collaborate, inform, and advise appropriate State agencies as well as public and private entities to achieve health information exchange and quality improvement that will benefit the residents of our State.

Thank you for consideration of our testimony. For additional information, contact eHealthConnecticut at info@ehealthconnecticut.org or (860) 240-5617.

Respectfully submitted,

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