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Statement regarding House Bill 6824
Appropriations Committee
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Members of the committee:

The Connecticut Association of Optometrists is very concerned about potential provider fee reductions in the Medicaid program.

Although the details of such reductions have not been made public, we encourage the committee to take no action on House Bill 6824 until such time as a full review and discussion can occur on this aspect of the proposal. We fear that further reductions in provider fees could make it more difficult for Title XIX recipients to access the healthcare system and obtain the vision care services they need.

Connecticut's Optometrists provide vision care services to about 70 percent of consumers in the state. Our members have stepped up consistently to serve the needs of low-income Connecticut residents.

CAO will provide additional information to you once we see the actual details of a proposed reduction.

Thank you.