



Quality is Our Bottom Line

GAE Public Hearing

Monday, March 2, 2015

Connecticut Association of Health Plans

Testimony regarding

SB 949 AN ACT IMPROVING DATA SECURITY AND AGENCY EFFECTIVENESS

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans appreciates the intent of SB 949 and looks forward to working with the Governor's office and other interested parties to address threats imposed by those who seek to engage in criminal activity by hacking into the computer systems of health plans and other companies that must hold and use personal information as part of their daily operations.

Cyber security is a complex and ever changing field that must be fluid in its ability to adapt to new and varied attacks on secure data. Establishing any specific bar standard provides hackers with a pathway around it and we would respectfully request that any legislation passed be as general as possible in its requirements leaving it to the individual contracts with each state agency to address any particularities so that unintended consequences, like impacting the ability of health plans to pay claims on a timely basis, are mitigated.

Many thanks for your consideration.