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**Insurance Committee Public Hearing**

**Tuesday, February 24, 2015**

**Connecticut Association of Health Plans**

**Testimony in Opposition to**

**HB 6556 AAC the Credentialing Process of Health Care Providers by Health Insurers**

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans respectfully urges the Committee's rejection of HB 6556. Requiring that health plans credential providers 30 days after the process has begun may have the unintended consequence of more providers being turned away from networks since oftentimes delays are the result of incomplete applications. Both the National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA) and CMS have policies to which the health plans generally adhere and we would argue against moving forward with HB 6556.