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**Labor and Public Employees Committee Public Hearing**

**Tuesday, February 17, 2015**

**Connecticut Association of Health Plans**

**Testimony in Opposition to**

**SB 427 An Act Concerning Workers' Compensation Awards And Attorney Fees**

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans respectfully requests the rejection of SB 427 AAC Workers Compensation Awards and Attorney's Fees which would essentially short change health plans 20% in their recovery of payments that should have instead been borne by workers compensation coverage .

Patients often put forward their primary insurance card when first seeking treatment. Under current law known as subrogation, health plans have the ability to recover their expenses in such a case if the matter is later determined to be a workers comp claim. This bill would require that 20% of the recovery payment owed to the health plan by the workers comp carrier be given to the member leaving the health plan with only an 80% reimbursement for costs they already incurred.

Subrogation is a critical part of the health care delivery system and while it's complex, it's largely transparent to the member. Disrupting a process that undermines an equitable resolution of responsibility among parties should is inadvisable and should be rejected.

Thank you for your consideration.