

We urge all state legislators to support HB 5493. ASCs allow patients to access care quickly, easily and cost-effectively. These facilities have enabled providers to remain in independent practice, something the Connecticut General Assembly has identified as critical to the state's health care delivery system. In one year alone, Connecticut patients saved more than \$1 million in health insurance co-pays by electing to have colonoscopies in ASCs rather than more costly hospital outpatient departments. (Based on an analysis of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services 2012 data).

Thank you,

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