



Quality is Our Bottom Line

Insurance Committee Public Hearing

Thursday, March 3, 2016

Connecticut Association of Health Plans

Testimony in Opposition to

SB 281 AA Requiring Site-Neutral Reimbursement Policies in Contracts between Health Carriers and Health Care Providers

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans respectfully urges the Committee's rejection of SB 281.

We appreciate that the bill before you strives to strike a balance in reimbursement among facilities, however, we believe it that will instead result in increased rates for all facilities to the detriment of consumers.

In this economic climate we would caution the Committee against supporting this type of initiative which may drive higher margin services out of our not-for-profit hospitals and deliver them to the for-profit private physician offices of the suburbs. As you know, our state's hospitals are struggling and legislation of this nature could exacerbate their financial problems as well as drive up the cost of health care overall.