



Quality is Our Bottom Line

Insurance & Real Estate Committee

Public Hearing

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Connecticut Association of Health Plans

Testimony regarding

**SB 433 AAC Standards and Requirements for Health Carriers' Provider Networks and Contracts
Between Health Carriers and Participating Providers**

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans is pleased to support SB 433 as an important step in public policy and we look forward to working with Commissioner Wade and her staff on some of the more technical aspects of the bill as it moves forward in the process.

While the Association recognizes and supports the measure, which seeks to assure consumers necessary access to services, it is important for policymakers to appreciate that broad access and affordability don't always go hand in hand and that high quality coverage can be afforded through structured provider networks. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) embraces this philosophy through SIM (State Innovation Model) and other initiatives which call on all stakeholders, providers and payers alike, to realign the delivery system through practice and payment transformation in support value-based care.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment.