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Testimony of the Association of CT Ambulance Providers

S.B. No. 85 (Proposed) *AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR A STUDY ON COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH CARE SERVICES.*

The Public Health Committee Hearing, *February 24, 2016*

Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and members of the Public Health Committee, the Association of Connecticut Ambulance Providers appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony on **SB 85- AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR A STUDY ON COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH CARE SERVICES.**

As you may recall, last year the legislature passed legislation which directed the Commissioners of both the Department of Social Services and Department of Public Health to conduct a "study" of the introduction of community- based mobile integrated healthcare initiatives by EMS providers. These initiatives are well developed in areas across the country and there are many successful models available to evaluate how they may benefit Connecticut residents and accomplish three key objectives:

- Better Care for Individuals
- Better Health for Populations
- Lower Per Capita Costs

The state of Connecticut will be the financial beneficiary of a mobile integrated healthcare system that incorporates emergency medical services healthcare practitioners along with existing healthcare stakeholders.

We urge the committee to support SB 85 and the development of Mobile Integrated Healthcare in Connecticut and provide for the creation of scalable program to meet the community's needs where an infrastructure exists that allows for the integration of emergency medical services providers in the coordinated delivery of out of hospital patient care management.

Thank you,

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