

**Legislative Testimony**  
**Insurance and Real Estate Committee**  
**Proposed HB 6088 – An Act Concerning Disclosure of Certain Third-Party**  
**Administrator Fees**  
**Thursday, February 14, 2019**

Dear Senator Lesser, Representative Scanlon, and Members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee,

My name is Dr. William Nash. I have been practicing dentistry in Fairfield, Connecticut for 42 years. I am a former President of the Conn. State Dental Assoc. and presently serve as Co-chair of our Council on Legislation. I have participated in every Mission of Mercy (CTMOM) clinic and presently serve on the board of the Connecticut Foundation for Dental Outreach which stages the CTMOMs. I am writing in support of proposed HB 6088 – An Act Concerning Disclosure of Certain Third-Party Administrator Fees.

This bill corrects a problem in the present statute. Physicians and other health care providers are notified of any changes in reimbursement rates 90 days before they go into effect, giving the providers sufficient time to evaluate whether they can afford to participate in the insurance plan. There is no similar provision for dentistry.

Last year, one plan changed their fees with no warning. Even after the fees were changed the fee schedule was still not available, leaving participating dentists to discover the new fees by submitting claims and waiting for EOBs (explanation of benefits) to return before they could figure out what the plan paid. House Bill 6088 addresses this oversight by including dentistry in the statute, extending the same protections as Physicians, Chiropractors, Nurse Practitioners and others. This is simply a matter of fairness.

An opposing argument has been presenting stating that our stance is pretextual, a veiled attempt to increase costs for patients (or the insurance company?). If this was such an onerous burden on the cost of health care, why has it been allowed for so long for every other health care provider in this state?

For the reasons stated above, I urge you to support SB HB 6088.

Respectfully Submitted,

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