



Quality is Our Bottom Line

Insurance Committee Public Hearing

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Connecticut Association of Health Plans

Testimony in Opposition to

SB 40 AA Requiring Site-Neutral Reimbursement Payments for Health Care Services.

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans respectfully urges the Committee's rejection of SB 40.

While we appreciate that the bill before you is an attempt to equalize reimbursement among facilities, we believe that it 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 not-for-profit hospitals and deliver them instead to the for-profit private physician office in 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 overall costs of care.