

**RB 895: AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO VARIOUS PHARMACY STATUTES.
Testimony February 25, 2021**

Chairmen D'Agostino and Maroney, Ranking Members Witkos and Rutigliano and Distinguished Members of the General Law Committee:

My name is Katherine Czarnowski, PharmD, BCACP and I am a licensed clinical pharmacist in the state of Connecticut and a member of Connecticut Society of Health-System Pharmacists. I am submitting written testimony on behalf of myself in strong support of **RB 895 An Act Concerning Changes to Various Pharmacy Statutes.**

I serve a diverse patient population in the greater Hartford area with the large majority having medicare. I assist providers choose affordable, safe, and effective therapy for chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, heart failure, asthma, and COPD.

I am in full support of this change because some patients do not need interventions made every 30 days. For example, patients with well controlled diabetes need their hemoglobin A1c checked every 3 to 6 months. They will need less frequent help compared to a patient with uncontrolled diabetes.

This bill as proposed **does not change pharmacist scope of practice. It eliminates an outdated administrative burden** for pharmacists, physicians, and APRNs engaging in this agreement that was created **prior** to the availability of shared electronic medical records. It also provides clarification that a written protocol within a CDTM agreement may include guideline-directed management.

If this bill is approved, I will be able to spend more time with the patients that need my help.

For these reasons, I request that you support this bill.

Sincerely,

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Clinical Pharmacist