



**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
SUBMITTED TO THE
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Monday, March 16, 2015**

HB 6797, An Act Concerning The Practice Of Naturopathy

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **HB 6797, An Act Concerning The Practice Of Naturopathy**.

Before commenting on the bill, it's important to point out that Connecticut hospitals treat everyone who comes through their doors 24 hours a day, regardless of ability to pay.

This is a time of unprecedented change in healthcare, and Connecticut hospitals are leading the charge to transform the way care is provided. They are focused on providing safe, accessible, equitable, affordable, patient-centered care for all, and they are finding innovative solutions to integrate and coordinate care to better serve their patients and communities.

HB 6797 seeks to make changes to the scope of practice for naturopaths and requires the Department of Public Health to submit a report to the legislature regarding recommendations related to prescribing, dispensing, and administering certain drugs. The scope of practice for naturopaths was reviewed during the 2013 Department of Public Health scope of practice review process.

CHA was pleased to participate in the Review Committee and encourages the Public Health Committee to use the findings and conclusions identified in the report, "An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health's Oversight Responsibilities Relating to the Scope of Practice Determinations: Scope of Practice Review Committee Report on Naturopathic Physicians," if the Committee decides to take action on this bill.

Thank you for your consideration of our position. For additional information, contact CHA Government Relations at (203) 294-7310.