



**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
SUBMITTED TO THE
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
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**SB 380, An Act Requiring Notification Of A Family Member Of A
Patient Admitted To A Hospital**

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **SB 380, An Act Requiring Notification Of A Family Member Of A Patient Admitted To A Hospital**. CHA supports SB 380.

Before commenting on this bill, it is important to point out that Connecticut hospitals and health systems provide high quality care for everyone, regardless of their ability to pay, and work to improve the health of those who live in our communities. Supporting Connecticut's hospitals strengthens our healthcare system and our economy.

SB 380 requires hospitals to notify a patient's designated family member not later than 24 hours after admission. We know that patient- and family-centered care improves care and outcomes.

The modifications to SB 380 will also coordinate Connecticut law with guidance provided in the Medicare Conditions of Participation.

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