



Quality is Our Bottom Line

**Appropriations Committee
Regulation and Protection Subcommittee
Insurance Department
PUBLIC HEARING
Thursday, February 18, 2021
Connecticut Association of Health Plans
Testimony in Opposition
Proposed Insurance Assessment**

On behalf of the Connecticut Association of Health Plans and our member carriers -- Aetna, Anthem, Cigna, ConnectiCare, Harvard Pilgrim, and United Healthcare -- we respectfully urge your opposition to the assessment imposed on enrollees of health insurance carriers for deposit in the Covered Connecticut Account intended to fund new state subsidies for individuals on the health care Exchange among other initiatives.

New subsidies and other initiatives under consideration in the Governor's Budget may be worthy public policies, but they should be financed via a general fund appropriation rather than at the expense of one market segment over another. Affordability of coverage is a factor regardless of population and proposals that increase premiums should be disregarded particularly when additional federal funding for such purposes appears to be on the horizon. We welcome the Governor's focus on addressing the underlying cost drivers and look forward to partnering with the Administration and other stakeholders in driving down the overall cost of care delivered. Thank you for your consideration.