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Testimony of Matt Barrett, President and CEO of the Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities / Connecticut Center For Assisted Living (CAHCF/CCAL):

Opposed to:

S.B. No. 1110 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES STATUTES.

We are opposed to the language in Section 6, beginning on line 39, that would, to the extent permissible under federal law and within available appropriations, authorize the Commissioner of Social Services to broadly implement, without restrictions, under state policies and procedures “any other alternative payment methodology or combination of methodologies that the commissioner determines are designed to improve health quality, equity, member experience, cost containment and coordination of care.” The agency is not currently restricted in advancing payment policies proposals for legislative approval addressing these issues, but the authority to implement policies and procedures prior to the adoption of state regulations would be a considerable grant of authority. We favor, the state legislature continuing to grant this authority on a case-by-case basis, and not broadly granted across-the-board, as proposed here.

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