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The CTACSPA Joins CSMS in Filing of Amici Brief in UnitedHealthcare Case Protecting Physician-Patient Relationships, Quality of Care

The Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association (CTACSPA) has joined with the Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) it its filing of an <u>amici</u> <u>curiae</u> brief with the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, in connection with UHC's request to stay the Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) issued by the Federal District Court of Connecticut on December 6, 2013. <u>Click here</u> to view the filing.

The TRO was issued in response to a request made by the Fairfield County Medical Association (FCMA) and the Hartford County Medical Association (HCMA) to stay UnitedHealthcare's Medicare Advantage (MA) network terminations, which affected nearly one-fifth of Connecticut physicians and their patients. CSMS and CTACSPA have been joined in this amici brief by the following Connecticut organizations:

Middlesex County Medical Association New Haven County Medical Association New London County Medical Association Tolland County Medical Association Windham County Medical Association Waterbury Medical Association Connecticut Academy of Family Physicians Connecticut Orthopaedic Society Connecticut Psychiatric Society Connecticut Infectious Disease Society Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons

We are also pleased to include these state and national

organizations as part of the amicus brief:

Medical Society of the State of New York Medical Society of New Jersey Florida Medical Association Tennessee Medical Association Texas Medical Association California Medical Association American Academy of Dermatology Physicians Advocacy Institute, Inc.

In addition to the filing of the amici curiae regarding UHC's request to stay the TRO, CSMS, on behalf of the coalition, intends to file an additional amici brief with the Second Circuit Court of Appeals regarding UHC's appeal of the District Court ruling, which was filed on Tuesday, December 10, 2013.

Information about this second amici brief, which is expected to be filed sometime within the next two weeks, will be provided as it is available.

The Chapter has been monitoring this situation through our partnership with CSMS and College's State Legislative Affairs team. We will continue to keep you informed as the situation progress.

Sincerely, The Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association, Inc.

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