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## Yale New Haven Health/L+M Hospital Certificate of Need Hearing, Part II



The burning question many of us had from the first hearing continued to loom over the second hearing: ***How will the potential joining of the two institutions impact local health outcomes, pricing and access to services?*** In addition to the burning question, concerns about local control of the hospital remained high; and these concerns were part of some rather tense cross-examination.

## Foundation Provides Comment at August CON Task Force Meeting



Universal Health Care Foundation provided public comment at the [Certificate of Need \(CON\) Task Force](#) meeting on August 15, reminding the group that their decisions will have a very real impact on the people of the state.

## Tough Decisions Ahead for Addressing Health Care Cost and Quality in CT



Cabinet members, including representatives of insurers, hospitals, physicians and other health care stakeholders, advocates and state agencies listened carefully to the July 12 presentation by Bailit Health, the consultants who have been guiding the Cabinet's work since January. The consultants walked through their preliminary recommendations, emphasizing that their proposed framework is a "straw model" that should be viewed only as a jumping off point for discussion and refinement, and not as the "last word".

## Bribery or Blackmail? Aetna Takes its Toys and Goes Home



If DOJ played nice and decided not to contest the merger, Aetna would continue to be a constructive partner, perhaps even expanding their participation. But if DOJ played hardball, then Aetna would play hardball, too, and take their toys and go home.

["Health insurers—more specifically, the big for-profit health insurers that want to get even bigger through two pending mega-mergers \(Anthem wants to buy Cigna and Aetna wants to buy Humana\)—once again are demonstrating that nothing—absolutely nothing—is more important to them than making their rich shareholders even richer."](#)

-Huffington Post Article

*"It's way Past Time We Stopped Deluding Ourselves About Private Health Insurers"*

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