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900 Cottage Grove Road
Bloomfield, CT 06002

RE: **Opposition HB 2545**

Cigna is a global health services company dedicated to improving the health, well-being, and peace of mind of those we serve. Cigna covers more than **180 million customer and patient relationships** in more than **30 countries and jurisdictions**, and has a global workforce of more than **70,000 employees, including hundreds in Kansas**. Cigna is dedicated to living our mission and being champions for our customers and communities and working together in close partnership with our colleagues, customers, providers, clients, and communities to create personalized solutions and advance whole-person health.

Cigna opposes HB 2545 as it places government in the business of contracting and prescribing the terms of contracts between private entities. While it is not even clear how "Covered service" could include a 'material' as the bill purports to do, the bill language does not seem to address a known problem.

There have been frequent attempts over the years, with some successful, to change this section of the code. Cigna would request that if there are serious concerns with this area of provider contracting, that the Legislature place the burden on those actually involved in the contracting to find resolution and reasonable solutions, as opposed to creating bigger government through statutory expansion, creating contractual mandates and increasing prices for consumers.

On behalf of its members, Cigna advocates for a sound and competitive health insurance market that maximizes private market competition, consumer choice and affordable coverage options. We ask that you please oppose HB 2545. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact Larrie Ann Brown our KS Legislative Counsel or me at kandice.sanaie@cigna.com or by phone at 512-426-6761.

Sincerely,

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