

A Public Testimonial submitted to CT Health Information Technology Advisory Council

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Recently, there have been several announcements, events, and media posts regarding Patient information, HIE, and Connie. These items are from state and federal sources and call for due diligence in addressing them. (A few items from 2021 are listed below).

Is it possible to extend the public comment period for the HIE Consent Policy by another two weeks? From May 26th to perhaps, the first week of June?

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