



CHRONIC CARE COLLABORATIVE

Advocating for the one in four chronically ill Coloradans

February 2, 2009

RE: HB 09-1059
Health Care Coverage During Clinical Trials

Dear Representative Primavera
and Members of the Health and Human Services Committee:

On behalf of the Chronic Care Collaborative (CCC), representing Colorado's major chronic disease advocacy and program organizations we urge the passage of HB 1059. Our members and constituents represent the largest group impacted by this bill.

Often persons with chronic disease(s) find hope in participating in scientifically based clinical trials. They are contributing to the advancement of science, trying a treatment protocol to improve their ability to enhance their quality of life, or as a last hope when all else failed.

This bill eliminates one barrier to a person's participation. We urge your positive consideration and passage on the Senate.

Sincerely,

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National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Colorado Chapter
On behalf of the Chronic Care Collaborative

Alzheimer's Association,
Colorado Chapter

American Cancer Society

American Heart Association

American Lung Association of
Colorado

Arthritis Foundation
Rocky Mountain Chapter

Brain Injury Association

Colorado AIDS Project

Colorado Gerontological Society

Crohn's and Colitis

Easter Seals Colorado

Epilepsy Foundation
of Colorado

Hepatitis C Connection

Huega Center for MS

Huntington's Disease

Lupus Foundation
of Colorado

March of Dimes,
Colorado Chapter

Mental Health America
of Colorado

Muscular Dystrophy
Association

National Kidney Foundation

National MS Society,
Colorado Chapter

Parkinson Association
of the Rockies

The Persons Living with
HIV/AIDS Initiative
of Colorado

Rocky Mountain
MS Center