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walk MS®
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February 2, 2009

Re: HB 09-1103
Presumptive Eligibility Long Term Care

Dear Representative Riesberg, Senator Newell
and members of the Health and Human Services Committee:

This bill is vital to get necessary services to persons with MS who often wait several months to confirm their eligibility. During this waiting period for home and community based services their health deteriorates and their need for services increases.

There is no benefit to the State or to the person in need of service to wait for care and services beyond their initial declaration of eligibility.

We are thankful for the Health Care Financing and Policy proposal, and we are in agreement and support that upon the federal approval being granted we will more efficiently and effectively serve the citizens of Colorado with MS who are eligible and in need.

Sincerely,

Sharon O'Hara
Vice President, Programs