

April 8, 2005

The Honorable Senator John Cobb
Capital Station
Helena, MT 59601

RE: SB154 – CHIP Third Party Administrator/Self Funding Options

Dear Senator Cobb:

Thank you for sponsoring Senate Bill 154.

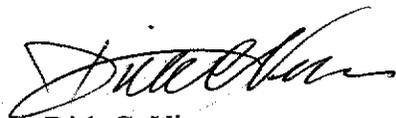
Our company, Allegiance Benefit Plan Management, Inc., is a third party administrator located in Missoula, MT. We have been in business since 1981, providing health benefits coverage and claims administration services to employer groups and government plans.

We testified in support of SB 154, both on the Senate and House side. We think the House amendments, i.e., those allowing for self-funding or third party administrator services, offer the Department of Public Health and Human Services and the State of Montana great options to better provide coverage for the participants in the Children's Health Insurance Program. Our company can administer this program for less than 10 percent in administrative expenses. We think any savings in administration of the CHIP should go towards covering more children.

We think the House amendments to Senate Bill 154 should be concurred in by the Senate and appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

ALLEGIANCE BENEFIT PLAN MANAGEMENT, INC.



Dirk C. Visser
President & CEO