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Testimony in support of Senate Bill 55, AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT ISSUERS OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE MAY NOT DENY ROUTINE PATIENT COSTS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN AN APPROVED CLINICAL TRIAL

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Good afternoon Mr. Chairman and committee members. My name is Jane Smilie and I am the Administrator of the Public Health and Safety Division, which includes our Cancer Control Programs. We think it is important that Montanans living with cancer who choose to enroll in clinical trials are assured that the costs for their routine medical care are covered. Our Medicaid Program has also reviewed the bill and found no problems with this bill in relation to that Program.

The Department strongly supports this legislation and we thank Senator Kaufmann for sponsoring it.

Duane Preshinger from the Health Resources Division who oversees Medicaid is also here and can answer questions.

Mr. Chairman, committee members - thank you.