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to Bridge the Gaps
in Chronic Care

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Nevada Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

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Chair, Doñate; Vice-Chair Taylor; and Members Lange, Titus, and Stone:

Re: Letter of Support for SB 149

SB 149 is a companion to other proposed 83rd session legislation addressing Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) and their business practices in Nevada. Specifically, SB 149's passage would financially help the state's Medicaid plan and patients. The legislation calls for a single, regulated state PBM to cut wasteful spending, enhance transparency, and provide fair access to all Medicaid beneficiaries. Ohio, with similar legislation, reported net program efficiencies and administrative savings of \$283 million in SFY 2023.

Nevada Chronic Care Collaborative's (NCCC) primary mission is advocating for access to affordable, quality health care. We see the bill having the ability to strengthen the state's overall health system while keeping patient access to local pharmacies, especially in rural and underserved urban areas – no longer forced to use a specific PBM-owned specialty or mail-order pharmacy. SB 149 would also keep PBMs from setting up artificial barriers to access needed medication such as step therapy or formulary restrictions.

Saving taxpayers' dollars while improving patient access and outcomes. Legislation that just makes sense.

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