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To: Robleto, Michelle; Jeff Atwater
Subject: Response to the Essential Health Benefits Commission

I am writing this letter in response to the public comment period which ends July 30, 2012 in regards to the Essential Health Benefits Commission appointed by Governor Rick Scott.

I would like to ask that you take into consideration and account for patients that suffer from rare and chronic disease receive the specialized care they need within the state's Health Care Exchange. These individuals present unique challenges within the health care system and many rare diseases require expensive, complex and specialized treatments.

Please make sure that the state navigators understand the unique needs of patients who suffer from rare and chronic conditions in order to provide them with the information to fully understand their Quality Health Plan options. In addition, the navigators must have adequate training, be trusted sources of information, and adequately represent the populations that are most likely to enroll in the Exchange.

I live in North Port, Florida and suffer from a rare genetic disease called alpha1 antitrypsin deficiency. This condition results in serious, chronic lung and/or liver disease. Many rare chronic diseases are not understood by the general medical field let alone the insurance field. Please do what you can to assure that adequate training is done for those persons responsible to be good representatives to these patients.

Thank you,

Carol L. Logan