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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Thomas A. Tangretti

DATE: March 1, 2005

SUBJECT: Re-introduction of Legislation:
Clinical Trial Insurance Coverage

In the coming weeks, I plan to reintroduce legislation aimed assisting consumers in determining what clinical trials are covered by insurance.

Specifically, my proposal, previously House Bill 460, would amend the Insurance Company Law of 1921 to require notification of clinical trial insurance coverage. As you may know, advancements in medical technology and science have given way to a variety of new treatments for a variety of diseases. Patients looking for alternatives to prescribed practices should be given information from their insurance providers as to the clinical trials that may be deemed acceptable and covered under their plans. Currently, many clinical trials are covered, but it requires a significant amount of work by the patient to learn what treatments their providers cover.

Previous co-sponsors of this legislation include: *Bebko-Jones, Belfanti, Cappelli, Curry, Belardi, Cawley, Corrigan, Cruz, Deluca, DeWeese, Eachus, Freeman, George, Grucela, Harhai, Hennessey, Horsey, James, Keller, Laughlin, Manderino, McIlhattan, Melio, Micozzie, Myers, Nailor, Pallone, Pistella, Readshaw, Sainato, Shaner, Solobay, Stern, Surra, E. Z. Taylor, Thomas, Tigue, Travaglio, Walko, Washington, Wojnaroski and Youngblood.*

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Cynthia Clory at 3-5963 or cclory@pahouse.net.