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Senator Rhonda Fields, Chair
Senate Health & Human Services Committee
Colorado General Assembly
Denver, Colorado 80203

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Re: In Support of HB22-1290 Concerning Changes to Medicaid to Allow for Expedited Repairs to Complex Rehabilitation Technology

Chair Fields and Committee Members,

We write on behalf of the National Coalition for Assistive and Rehab Technology (NCART) in SUPPORT of HB22-1290 concerning changes to Medicaid to allow for expedited repairs to Complex Rehabilitation Technology.

We respectfully request the Senate Health & Human Services Committee allow House bill HB22-1290 to move forward. This bill will improve timely access to repairs to Complex Rehabilitation Technology by removing barriers and providing other changes benefiting Medicaid recipients with disabilities.

As background, NCART is a national association of manufacturers and suppliers of specialized CRT products (individually configured wheelchairs, seating systems, and other adaptive equipment) with members operating over 780 accredited Medicare/Medicaid supplier locations across the country. Our members collectively provide CRT products and related supporting services to hundreds of thousands of children and adults with disabilities in their local communities.

We focus on education and advocacy to ensure people with significant disabilities such as ALS, spinal cord injury, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, and traumatic brain injury have adequate access to the medically necessary CRT equipment and the supporting services they require and depend on.

Thank you for the considering our request that HB22-1290 be moved forward by the Committee. We also thank the bill sponsors and support changes such as these to improve timely access to important repair services for the people of Colorado with disabilities.

Sincerely,

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