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Twenty Health Groups Create Statewide Patient Advocacy Coalition *Missouri Chronic Care Coalition to Advocate for Chronic Disease Patients & Their Families*

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – January 27, 2015 – A broad group of the state’s leading health organizations has formed the Missouri Chronic Care Coalition. The coalition is made up of twenty health-focused patient groups that will work on chronic disease-related, evidence-based state policy issues including chronic disease prevention and management, reducing barriers to care and improving patient quality of life.

Chronic disease is the major cause of premature death, disability and loss of quality of life in Missouri and the Missouri Chronic Care Coalition will serve as a united voice and advocate for the tens of thousands of Missourians and their families facing chronic conditions.

The coalition is comprised of the following organizations and their collective 105,000 Missouri members:

AIM at Melanoma	Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network	Lupus Foundation of America, Heartland Chapter
American Heart Association	Midwest Hemophilia Association
American Lung Association	National Multiple Sclerosis Society
Arthritis Foundation	National Patient Advocate Foundation
Asthma & Allergy Foundation, St. Louis Chapter	National Stroke Association
Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation, Mid-America Chapter	Pancreatic Cancer Action Network
Epilepsy Foundation	State Pain Policy Advocacy Network
Gateway Hemophilia Association	Susan G. Komen Kansas City
International Myeloma Foundation	Susan G. Komen Mid-Missouri
	Susan G. Komen St. Louis

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