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**Colorado Consumers May be Eligible for Compensation in
Class Action Lawsuit on Cancer Insurance Policies**

Denver – More than 1,400 Colorado consumers may be eligible for compensation under a class action settlement reached in Oklahoma involving Allstate Corporation and American Heritage Life Insurance Company, also known as Allstate Workplace Division.

According to settlement documents, more than 226,000 consumers may be affected in all 50 states. The number of potential claimants in Colorado is estimated at 1,411. The settlement was approved on December 5 by a federal judge in the U.S. District Court, Western District of Oklahoma.

At issue is denial of claims related to a "Cancer and Dread Disease Expense Policy" and substantially similar policies sold by the defendants and issued between October 24, 2003 and September 30, 2011. The original plaintiff, consumer Lona Buck, claimed in the 2008 lawsuit that the policy's language was ambiguous on whether it would cover non-cancerous drugs, medicines, chemical substances, instruments or devices that could be used in radiation therapy, chemotherapy or immunotherapy. Non-cancerous treatment is that which is used to build up or support the patient's health prior to or during cancer treatment.

If you have invested in one of these policies you can find out what compensation you may be eligible for by contacting Tony Gould at Brown & Gould PLLC; 136 NW 10th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73103 or call 405-595-0504. Settlement documents can be found at <http://cddps.com>.

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