

# Footnotes

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## Prosthetic Parity 101

BOISE, ID—On September 23rd local volunteers along with The Amputee Coalition of America will be available with petitions at the last Alive After Five event of 2009. The ACA, along with these volunteers, hope to raise awareness of the need for prosthetic parity legislation. In 2008, Congress introduced the Prosthetic Parity Act which requires health insurance companies to cover prosthetic care on par with other essential medical care. There is still, however, a great need for such legislation on the state level. When amputees are denied coverage or are offered limited coverage for prosthetic intervention, the state endures increases in Medicaid costs due to complications such as skin breakdown, osteoporosis, muscle loss, depression and other costs associated with nursing home and/or home health care. A study produced by the Colorado Department of Health Policy &



Financing found that the cost of providing adequate prosthetic coverage would be 12 cents per member per month. When compared to the cost of related complications, such as diabetes, which can cost up to \$100 per month, these costs are minimal and the savings are paramount.

Furthermore, prosthetic parity is not limited to current amputees. Accidents, diabetes & vascular disease often result in amputation, making parity an important issue to all of us. Volunteers are key to raising awareness, obtaining signatures for petitions and seeing appropriate legislation passed in the state of Idaho. To learn more about the campaign,

sign a petition or to become involved, please visit the ACA website at [www.amputee-coalition.org](http://www.amputee-coalition.org) or call Angie Sarich at Rehab Systems, Inc. (208) 342-4104 and be sure to visit us on September 23rd on The Grove in downtown Boise.

## Expansion, Education & Wine

BOISE, ID—All are invited to attend a Wine Tasting hosted by local winery, Woodriver Cellars, at the newly expanded Rehab Systems' facility on Wednesday, October 7th from 5-8 p.m. The remodel, which has been underway since June, is approaching completion in time for the first ever Boise based RCR Socket Course. Dale Perkins, CPO & Matt Perkins (owner of Coyote Design & Manufacturing, sister company to RSI.) have been teaching the course together nationwide for over three years now. The expansion and remodel of the space will serve as a classroom for such courses, and will be utilized for patient care when extended walking is required for gait analysis.

Feel free to join us on October 7th to celebrate the completion of our facility. Please RSVP at (208) 342-4104.

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# Foot Orthotics

For more than four years Rehab Systems, Inc. has been using a unique material to create its custom foot orthotics. Rather than uncomfortable hard plastics, RSI has been using a urethane gel incorporated with a variety of other top sheet materials, chosen in conjunction with individual patient needs. This design and these materials have resulted in an incredibly effective foot orthotic, especially for active people such as runners. Now, after extensive research, RSI has found a lightweight durable foam to use in place of the urethane gel. This material is much lighter and offers more cushion for those people needing additional support, but who also prefer a more cushioned feel. The lightweight material is great for everyday use, such as in work shoes, or walking shoes and has proven durable and supportive enough for athletic use as well. Additionally, alterations are easily made to the orthotics in-office throughout the fitting process and the duration of use for the most comfortable outcome. Rehab Systems, Inc. offers free evaluations to those patients considering orthotic intervention at both the Twin Falls and Boise offices.



## Rehab Systems, Inc. welcomes new staff

Rehab Systems, Inc. is pleased to welcome two new employees to our staff this summer. Christopher Moore, CPO comes to us from Iowa with his wife and three children. He is a veteran of the United States Navy where he served as a medic and surgical technician. He went on to earn a degree in Prosthetics & Orthotics from the University of Washington and has since worked for Hanger Orthopedic Group. He joins our team in the Twin Falls office. Tammy Jonsson is a Walla Walla native who has settled in the Boise area with her husband and two children. She joins the Boise office as a full-time medical secretary.

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Congratulations to **Mary Fischer** on five years employment with Rehab Systems, Inc.

Mary is a Certified Prosthetist/Orthotist  
in the Twin Falls office.

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