

## Letter Ordering Treatment for Active TB

<Date>

<Patient Name>

<Patient Address>

RE: Health Officer's Order for Treatment

Dear <Patient Name>,

I am aware that you have been diagnosed with pulmonary (lung) tuberculosis (TB) and are being treated for this condition by <Name of Physician/Clinic>. Public health regulations of the state of Colorado (CRS 25-4-501) require that you follow the treatment plan recommended by your health care provider. The <Name of Clinic/Agency> has informed me that despite repeated visits and telephone calls to your home on the following days <Dates and Times>, and letters mailed to your home on <Date(s)>, you have not followed this treatment plan and have violated your tuberculosis (TB) treatment contract. Finally, on <Date of Warning Notice> a warning notice was <Sent via Certified Mail/Delivered> to you, advising that you must continue your treatment or risk having legal actions brought against you.

**This treatment for tuberculosis is necessary to make sure that you do not infect others.** Since you have not responded to any of the above efforts or the warning notice issued on <Date>, I am **ordering** you to <Report to/Call> the <Name of Clinic/Agency> at <Address/Phone Number> within <Number> days after receiving this letter to begin mandatory tuberculosis (TB) treatment. If you fail to obey this health officer's order, the state will request a court order to keep you at a treatment facility until medical tests show that you cannot spread tuberculosis (TB) to others (CRS 25-4-507). Violation of a court order is a misdemeanor crime and will be punished according to Colorado law (CRS 25-1-114(4)).

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

<Name>

<Title>

CC: <Clinic/Agency Director>