

Governor M. Jodi Rell today was joined by Lyme disease patients, their advocates and physicians at a ceremonial bill signing of a new law that allows doctors to prescribe long-term antibiotics in the treatment of persistent Lyme disease – outside of standard guidelines – without fear of sanctions from state health regulators if the patient’s clinical diagnosis of the tick-borne disease and treatment have been documented by a licensed physician. “We know the ravages of this illness are not specific to just our state. The day after I signed this bill into law, I heard from Lyme disease sufferers around the country,” Governor Rell said during a ceremony in Brookfield. “They were jubilant, they were relieved. They wanted to make sure that we understood Connecticut was doing right by Lyme disease patients and their doctors.”

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