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Dear Patient:

The physicians and staff of Texas Back Institute (TBI) would like you to join them in their effort to garner support against the recent proposal to deny Medicare and Medicaid coverage for the CHARITE™ Lumbar Artificial Disc by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Please find the enclosed documents:

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2) Patient response letter and return stamped envelope to CMS

   This letter and stamped envelope are made available to you to submit to CMS requesting that they reconsider this non-coverage conclusion and approve CHARITE™ for Medicare and Medicaid recipients. Sending in letters during the public comment period delivers a message to CMS that people of all ages and income levels suffering from degenerative disc disease deserve the right to be considered for coverage of the procedure. **Please act quickly as the letter must be signed and submitted by March 17, 2006.**

   Please sign the letter, place in the stamped/pre-addressed envelope and mail to CMS. Please include your address, e-mail and telephone number (optional) to show your support for approval of coverage.

Finally, please call our toll-free number 1-888-783-1937 to let us know that you have responded to CMS in support of gaining approval for access to coverage of the CHARITE™ artificial disc replacement surgery. We are attempting to track the number of public responses made to CMS and make sure that every voice is heard in support for Medicare and Medicaid approval.

Thank you for taking the time to send in your response to show your support for coverage approval. We appreciate your joining in the effort to allow the elderly and lower income population the ability to have access to the CHARITE™ procedure and help to send a precedent for future insurance coverage of artificial disc surgeries.

Sincerely,

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Texas Back Institute

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Dear Patient:

The physicians and staff of Texas Back Institute (TBI) would like you to join them in their effort to garner support against the recent proposal to deny Medicare and Medicaid coverage for the CHARITE™ Lumbar Artificial Disc by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Please find the enclosed documents:

1) *The Wall Street Journal* article on the recent CMS conclusion that CHARITE™ disc surgery is not "reasonable and necessary" under the Medicare health insurance plan

2) Patient response letter and return stamped envelope to CMS

   This letter and stamped envelope are made available to you to submit to CMS requesting that they reconsider this non-coverage conclusion and approve CHARITE™ for Medicare and Medicaid recipients. Sending in letters during the public comment period delivers a message to CMS that people of all ages and income levels suffering from degenerative disc disease deserve the right to be considered for coverage of the procedure. **Please act quickly as the letter must be signed and submitted by March 17, 2006.**

   Please sign the letter, place in the stamped/pre-addressed envelope and mail to CMS. Please include your address, e-mail and telephone number (optional) to show your support for approval of coverage.

Finally, please call our toll-free number 1-888-783-1937 to let us know that you have responded to CMS in support of gaining approval for access to coverage of the CHARITE™ artificial disc replacement surgery. We are attempting to track the number of public responses made to CMS and make sure that every voice is heard in support for Medicare and Medicaid approval.

Thank you for taking the time to send in your response to show your support for coverage approval. We appreciate your joining in the effort to allow the elderly and lower income population the ability to have access to the CHARITE™ procedure and help to send a precedent for future insurance coverage of artificial disc surgeries.

Sincerely,

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Johnson & Johnson Disk Implant Might Not Get Medicare Coverage

By SCOTT HENSLEY
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Johnson & Johnson was dealt an unwelcome blow when the U.S. government proposed to deny payment for the company's Charité artificial spinal-disk implant under the Medicare health-insurance program.

The proposal by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or CMS, concludes there is inadequate evidence to show that the Charité disk surgery is "reasonable and necessary." The agency oversees the Medicare program for the elderly and disabled and is seeking public comment for a 30-day period on its planned denial of coverage. A final decision is due within 60 days after the comment period expires.

The spinal disk is designed to replace the natural cushion between vertebrae of the lower back. The list price for Charité is $11,500, and the total cost for implantation ranges from $35,000 to $50,000, the company said.

A decision by Medicare not to cover the costs of the disk would be a rare setback for Johnson & Johnson, which has excelled at persuading insurers to pay for new technology such as the company's drug-coated stents for coronary disease. A government decision against Charité could lead private insurers to follow suit. Johnson & Johnson doesn't disclose sales of Charité. Merrill Lynch forecasts that sales of Charité will decline this year to $21 million from $41 million last year.

"We are disappointed by the proposed recent CMS noncoverage decision and are concerned that this action may limit access for degenerative-disk disease patients who could benefit from this technology," said a spokeswoman for Johnson & Johnson's DePuy Spine unit, which sells the device.

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Texas Back Institute

March 1, 2006

Dear Patient:

The physicians and staff of Texas Back Institute (TBI) would like you to join them in their effort to garner support against the recent proposal to deny Medicare and Medicaid coverage for the CHARITE™ Lumbar Artificial Disc by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Please find the enclosed documents:

1) *The Wall Street Journal* article on the recent CMS conclusion that CHARITE™ disc surgery is not "reasonable and necessary" under the Medicare health insurance plan

2) Patient response letter and return stamped envelope to CMS

   This letter and stamped envelope are made available to you to submit to CMS requesting that they reconsider this non-coverage conclusion and approve CHARITE™ for Medicare and Medicaid recipients. Sending in letters during the public comment period delivers a message to CMS that people of all ages and income levels suffering from degenerative disc disease deserve the right to be considered for coverage of the procedure. **Please act quickly as the letter must be signed and submitted by March 17, 2006.**

   Please sign the letter, place in the stamped/pre-addressed envelope and mail to CMS. Please include your address, e-mail and telephone number (optional) to show your support for approval of coverage.

Finally, please call our toll-free number 1-888-783-1937 to let us know that you have responded to CMS in support of gaining approval for access to coverage of the CHARITE™ artificial disc replacement surgery. We are attempting to track the number of public responses made to CMS and make sure that every voice is heard in support for Medicare and Medicaid approval.

Thank you for taking the time to send in your response to show your support for coverage approval. We appreciate your joining in the effort to allow the elderly and lower income population the ability to have access to the CHARITE™ procedure and help to send a precedent for future insurance coverage of artificial disc surgeries.

Sincerely,

The Physicians, Surgeons and Staff of Texas Back Institute

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Johnson & Johnson Disk Implant Might Not Get Medicare Coverage

By SCOTT HENSLEY
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Johnson & Johnson was dealt an unwelcome blow when the U.S. government proposed to deny payment for the company's Charité artificial spinal-disk implant under the Medicare health-insurance program.

The proposal by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or CMS, concludes there is inadequate evidence to show that the Charité disk surgery is "reasonable and necessary." The agency oversees the Medicare program for the elderly and disabled and is seeking public comment for a 30-day period on its planned denial of coverage. A final decision is due within 60 days after the comment period expires.

The spinal disk is designed to replace the natural cushion between vertebrae of the lower back. The list price for Charité is $11,500, and the total cost for implantation ranges from $35,000 to $50,000, the company said.

A decision by Medicare not to cover the costs of the disk would be a rare setback for Johnson & Johnson, which has excelled at persuading insurers to pay for new technology such as the company's drug-coated stents for coronary disease. A government decision against Charité could lead private insurers to follow suit. Johnson & Johnson doesn't disclose sales of Charité. Merrill Lynch forecasts that sales of Charité will decline this year to $21 million from $41 million last year.

"We are disappointed by the proposed recent CMS noncoverage decision and are concerned that this action may limit access for degenerative-disk disease patients who could benefit from this technology," said a spokeswoman for Johnson & Johnson's DePuy Spine unit, which sells the device.

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Texas Back Institute

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Dear Patient:

The physicians and staff of Texas Back Institute (TBI) would like you to join them in their effort to garner support against the recent proposal to deny Medicare and Medicaid coverage for the CHARITE™ Lumbar Artificial Disc by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

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Sincerely,

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Texas Back Institute

March 1, 2006

Dear Patient:

The physicians and staff of Texas Back Institute (TBI) would like you to join them in their effort to garner support against the recent proposal to deny Medicare and Medicaid coverage for the CHARITE™ Lumbar Artificial Disc by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Please find the enclosed documents:

1) *The Wall Street Journal* article on the recent CMS conclusion that CHARITE™ disc surgery is not "reasonable and necessary" under the Medicare health insurance plan

2) Patient response letter and return stamped envelope to CMS

   This letter and stamped envelope are made available to you to submit to CMS requesting that they reconsider this non-coverage conclusion and approve CHARITE™ for Medicare and Medicaid recipients. Sending in letters during the public comment period delivers a message to CMS that people of all ages and income levels suffering from degenerative disc disease deserve the right to be considered for coverage of the procedure. **Please act quickly as the letter must be signed and submitted by March 17, 2006.**

   Please sign the letter, place in the stamped/pre-addressed envelope and mail to CMS. Please include your address, e-mail and telephone number (optional) to show your support for approval of coverage.

Finally, please call our toll-free number 1-888-783-1937 to let us know that you have responded to CMS in support of gaining approval for access to coverage of the CHARITE™ artificial disc replacement surgery. We are attempting to track the number of public responses made to CMS and make sure that every voice is heard in support for Medicare and Medicaid approval.

Thank you for taking the time to send in your response to show your support for coverage approval. We appreciate your joining in the effort to allow the elderly and lower income population the ability to have access to the CHARITE™ procedure and help to send a precedent for future insurance coverage of artificial disc surgeries.

Sincerely,

The Physicians, Surgeons and Staff of Texas Back Institute

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CHARLES W. EMERICK
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March 6, 2006

To: Coverage and Analysis Group
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Baltimore, MD 21244

To whom it may concern,

Today I received a letter dated March 1, 2006 from the Texas Back Institute wherein they were requesting my assistance by signing a form letter and sending it to you "in an effort to garner support against the recent proposal to deny Medicare and Medicaid coverage for the CHARITE Lumbar Artificial Disc by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)." I am afraid that in all good consciousness I cannot support this effort.

While I am concerned for the welfare and good health of the Medicare/Medicaid patients I am also concerned for their safety. As the physicians should well know and as has been pointed out in report after report covering the overview of the Artificial Disc Replacement (ADR) procedure, it is fraught with serious risks to the patient as well as post-operative problems, the latter of which I am personally experiencing. As was noted in the Wall Street Journal report that was enclosed with their letter, the CMS oversees the Medicare program for the elderly and the disabled. With that fact in mind it should be blatantly obvious that the greatest percentage of Medicare/Medicaid patients are NOT good candidates for this procedure. It is my personal opinion that to foster an effort to gain access to and persuade those patients to undergo such a procedure, that is in it's infancy of practice and understanding here in the United States, borders on a level of careless medical practices whose only guaranteed benefit is to the manufacturers of the device, Johnson & Johnson (DePuy Spine unit), and the Medical Community at large in the form of sales and profits and monetary remuneration respectively.

As mentioned in the above paragraph I am personally experiencing post-operative problems that are threatening the future of my current employment and which have already diminished my quality of life. I am having a difficult time at best trying to find answers as to what recourse I and my Doctors might have in identifying the problem(s) and the proper resolutions thereof. In all honesty after reading some of the reports that have been made public by Orthopedic doctors of the European arena who have participated in the ADR procedures and the follow-up reports of the patients that indicate the percentages of good results versus bad results is very disheartening. In my opinion this technology can

and very likely will have a bright and successful future. However, it should not now or ever be at the unnecessary expense of the health and well-being of any person or persons. In this great day and age of hi-tech computers and programming that has demonstrated it's usefulness as a "virtual" tool in many different applications one has to wonder why the developers of these devices have not made better use of those resources in determining the feasibility of implantation into actual human bodies. Even if such technology was not available to the developers of these devices in the era in which they were born said technology is available today and the utilization of such has been sorely omitted here in the United States of America. It is not my intent to blast apathy at any one individual or entity. I am merely attempting to make a logical point.

The bottom line is this. Not a single doctor of any specialty or practice has to suffer when something does go wrong concerning the ADR procedure, be it either operative or post-operative. They can feel compassion for the patient and the patient's family but they cannot and do not feel the actual pain nor do they have to endure the physical consequences of such. The spine is the backbone of the human body. It is the vehicle which gives us the ability to stand upright and to walk from here to there and back again. Let us not forget that we should learn from mistakes made and not endeavor to risk any life by the repetition of those mistakes for the sake of any amount of monetary gain. Any person who is presented with the option of the ADR procedure should also be made aware of ALL the risks related to this operation, both operative and post-operative, so that he/she can decide for themselves if the risks are worth the potential benefit gained by having the procedure done. When the point in time has come that the development and utilization of this and other like devices is better understood and the risks to the patient are given more consideration than the monetary gain of the manufacturers and physicians, then and only then should there be consideration for benefit coverage by any U.S. government run agency. Especially where it concerns the unfortunate young and the elderly. It should be well considered that approval by the CMS at this time could potentially be a Carte` Blanche for unscrupulous medical practitioners. That's my humble opinion anyway.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Emerick

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PS: I received my implants (Charité, dual level, L4-5 & L5-S1) on April 1, 2005.

3-7-06

Untitled

As a pharmacist, I see people on a daily basis getting prescriptions for their "back problems". I didn't realize how much a person hurts until my husband was injured on the job in 1999. He ruptured 2 discs in this accident. He had his first back surgery in April 2000, a laminectomy and decompression. In April of 2002, he had his 2nd back surgery, with no success. He finally went back to work in 2005 and would come home daily in severe pain. My husband is 6'1" and weighs 260 lbs but he would come home daily with tear filled eyes because he hurt so bad. He had prescriptions filled monthly for pain pills, muscle relaxers, and sleeping medication. We started going to the Texas Back Institute in Plano, Tx in Jan. 2004 and Dr. Rashbaum told my husband that he needed to try to wait until the Charite' disc were approved to have surgery again. He had his disc "installed" in August of 2005. He went back to work in Dec. 2005 relatively pain free except for some muscle pain from being off for 3 months. I have a bottle of pain medication-still full dated 5/30/05 that he has not had to take after living off them for 5 years. My husband is only 37 years old and this was a MUST for him to have a normal productive life. Yes, we definitely believe that this surgery is reasonable and necessary for certain people.

Thanks for listening.

Renee McGough P.D.

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I really hope that Charite can go on for more experience and more recovery for everyones "back problems" for today & for our future.

In Nov. of "04 I had F.D.E.T. between L-4 & L-5, I'm doing "OK" & sometimes "Very good!" but I know that my back won't last as long as a fusion or as long as charite.

I allways think about my back problems & what will I do when it ~~goes~~ goes out on me and I need to get it fixed.

I hope to hear good news about Charite & Medicare & Medicaid.

Thank you

TODD Curnutt

T. Curnutt

Please consider this request for approval of coverage decision for Medicare and Medicaid patients suffering from degenerative disc disease.

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March 5, 2006

To: Coverage and Analysis Group
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a 47 year old female that has lived with back pain for nearly 23 years of my life; ten of those years I have taken pain medication, including Oxycontin for most of that time. I have participated in sports for many years, which I had to give up about 15 years ago because of the pain. Over the years, I have been to many different kinds of doctors in hopes of determining what was causing the pain and hopefully getting an answer as to how we could get it to go away. I have been through physical therapy, cortisone injections, nerve blocks, and numerous other procedures. I was down to the last procedure my doctor could do for me; otherwise, I would have to live with this pain for the rest of my life. Last June, my doctor performed a discogram on me and it was determined that I had a tear in my L4/5 disc. This was the first time any doctor was able to determine the source of my pain.

My doctor referred me to Dr. Scott Blumenthal at the Texas Back Institute in Plano, TX. When I met with Dr. Blumenthal in July of last year, I can't tell how excited I was to hear that he would be able to perform surgery that he felt would relieve me of the pain I have had for so many years. The surgery he would do on me in November was replacing my torn disc with the CHARITE Artificial Disc.

As a result of this surgery and a few weeks of physical therapy, I am now able to do things I haven't been able to do in years. I had been on a medical leave of absence from my work since June 13, 2005, and I returned to full-time work at Frito-Lay, Inc. on January 18, 2006. I am free of the pain that took so much of my life away from me. I am so thankful that my insurance company (United Healthcare) approved the surgery and I was able to have it. Because of the CHARITE Artificial Disc and my surgeon, Dr. Scott Blumenthal, I have my life back.

I hope that you will reconsider your decision for Medicare and Medicaid patients suffering from degenerative disc disease, and allow them the opportunity to have the results that I have had because of the CHARITE Artificial Disc.

Sincerely,

Melanie K Armstrong

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/mka

cc: Dr. Scott Blumenthal

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Name MARK W. McCurdy
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NOTE: I personally paid to have ADR done in Germany on April 29, 2005. I now have my life back - No pain.

3 level Recipient.

Thank you.

March 6, 2006

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Name TONY FORD

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I personally had 2 artificial discs replaced and the procedure was extremely successful. The severe PAIN I had due to 2 degenerated discs caused be to become incapable of work or productive activity.
My Activity + work is restored without PAIN + with full range of motion.
It is truly like a Miracle + this procedure should be available and covered by CMS + Insurance companies.

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Name Amanda M Holker
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Amanda M Holker
I am a 21 yr old and a recipient of the Kryflex Disc @ the L5-S1 Level it has been 1½ wks and I feel 100% better.

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Name Carrie L. McGahe

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e-mail:

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I am a 43 yr. old mom of two young children. I almost died from an accidental drug overdose from pain meds. I had the artificial disc put in and am almost off all pain meds. I would have no quality of life without it. Please cover the disc. Thx.

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Name Randy Leach

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I have had a Charite disc in L5-S1 for 10 months. It is wonderful - a faster recovery than fusion & full mobility. Please don't take this away from the public!!

Leach

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Name Tracy Enroughty
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I had this surgery one year ago - prior to that I had several other back surgery with continued severe pain that would result in bed rest for weeks at ~~their~~ time; could not do anything! After surgery - just 6 months, playing with my children, riding waterslides! It has made a world of difference for me

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Phone # 281-487-6880

This is most definitely a necessary procedure! Prior to surgery I had to use a cane to walk. I didn't want the alternative (fusion) due to limited mobility & possible injury to adjacent discs. Please approve! Bernadette Elkins

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NOTE: I HAD L5-S1 ADR CHARITE DISC Replacement last year, INSTEAD OF FUSION. I AM DOING Excellent THE NEXT DAY AFTER my SURGERY I FLEW BACK home. I WAS BACK TO WORK IN (8) weeks (physical LABOR) TAX I. Farmer

(ADR) is AN excellent ALTERNATIVE TO FUSION. It WORKS. I'm LEAVING PROOF!

To Whom It May Concern
Ref: Charite Disc Replacement Surgery

I had this procedure June 9, 2005. I turned 49 in October of 2005 with the true prospect of regaining my active life. After 5 years of pain & pain pills, the procedure solved my back pain issues. 18 hours after surgery, I was walking, slowly, down the hall with less pain than when I entered the hospital for the surgery.

In less than two weeks I was able to function without a brace and was driving a car the third week after surgery. I am now able to run and ride a bike again.

I urge you to consider allowing this Charite process for others. It has been an answer to many years of prayers for me & my family.

Steve Robbins

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Name Wilma Bates Wilma Bates

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806-786-4618 cell

I had the Charite disc implanted almost a year ago I could never have packed and moved my elderly father and Aunt to Lubbock if it was not for the new disc. The doctors gave me back my life. If you would (over)

like to talk to me, please feel free to call me. Please, do not take away the opportunity for others to feel better.

Sincerely,
Wilma Bates

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I am currently 46 years of age, fifteen months ago I received 2 Charite artificial discs to replace ruptured discs at L4-L5 + L5-S1. Before the surgery

I could not walk, sit, or lie down without horrible pain. I was taking three different pain killers which only helped slightly. One month after my surgery I was walking three miles a day. Unbearable pain was changed to a slight ache now and then.

For this reason I beg you <u>not</u> to deny our elderly a chance for this surgery! If you do, you will be committing a grievous error.

Anyone who has experienced severe pain for any length time will tell you that it changes your life. <u>Please</u> don't let our old folks who have this kind of pain live their golden years in misery.

Denying coverage for ADR would also put this great nation behind the world in health care.

Please! Do not deny coverage for ADR.

Sincerely,

Susan Fry

March 6, 2005

To:Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

To Whom It may Concern'

I am writing to you because it has come to my attention that you are questioning the use of the Charite Lumbar Artificial Disc as" not reasonable and necessary". My wife has already sent you a letter on this subject. I had to fight the insurance company to get this disc for her. Since she has had the surgery she is doing very well. Pain is gone and she has remarkable mobility. I feel confident also that this will keep her from having the domino effect that so often accompanies fusion with the locking down of a disc segment causing adjoining discs to began their demise into degeneration. Although I am not a doctor I have studied back repairs and have a very knowledgeable understanding of fusion and artificial discs. I am also a recipient of an artificial disc. I have the Pro Disc in my L-4/L-5 segment.

I had to fight a two year battle with workers compensation to get the disc. Their plan was to use a standard fusion procedure fusing my L-5/S-1 to my L4/L-5 and my L-4 to My L-3.
This would be accomplished thru rods , plates and screws. I would not be able to return to work . I would have had to try to depend on a less than fair medical retirement and look forward to having a lot of pain. Healing time up to 18 months or longer. I also know that up to 85 % of patients that have this procedure have to go back and have the rods, plates and screws removed. I am a Police Officer and did not want to quit working. I was told this procedure I was requesting was "NOT REASONABLE AND NECESSARY".

I have a news flash for you. The courts did not find the same reasoning as you medical folks that are driven purely by insurance companies and archaic procedures that you feel comfortable with because that's all you have ever done before. They ruled in my favor.
The procedure that my workers comp people wanted me to have was $120,000.00 and the artificial disc $40.000.00. I now have the disc. Further more I was back to full duty within three months and I am doing great. I am Special Operations Officer Involved in very active day to day tracking down fugitives, kicking in doors and the whole nine yards. If I would have listened to what workers comp doctors said I would probably be an alcoholic sitting on my broken down front porch waiting for the government to come help me. I realize that the artificial disc is not for everyone and there are tests that can make that determination. If that's the case then they must abide by that. PLEASE DON'T CONDEMN SOMEONE TO A HANDICAPPED .
I am a tax paying citizen also and believe people should have the same chance as those on high dollar insurance companies
I beg of you to do the humane thing and give people a chance.

Sincerely,

Bill Bates

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To Keep People healthy they need to stay mobil and active, No matter what age or income. I am 53 and waiting for My Blue Cross Blue shield to cover me, so I can get the Charite surgery. I'm trying to stay mobil so I don't lose my strength and muscel tone (what I've got left) I have to get 3 shots in my Back every six month, I've been doing this for 5 or 6 yrs. @ $15,00.00 A shot, that totals a lot. I've always worked (Hair stylists 31 yrs standing all day) Fished hunted exercised, Now training stay busy with 4 yr old grandson.

To Whom It May Concern,

My twenty five year old daughter had her second back injury in 2000. She is much too young for a four level fusion. She has seen some of the best Physicians and was told in 2001 that she should be on pain medication mgmt until the Charite was approved.

When it was approved we were overjoyed but soon found that it was not a covered service. She has been patiently waiting until the day it is covered and she can have her life back. If you rule to deny this procedure you will take hope from my daughter, please do not do that.

I hope you don't know what it is like to see someone you love that was so active be in severe pain every day. A daughter that longs to have children and have the ability to share life with her children and husband.

We live in the same town, but she has only been able to visit twice in the last year. I beg you, please do not take this from patients like my daughter.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Davis

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This is a very real "cheaper alternative" to more expensive and more extensive back surgery - although I have delayed it for now I will need this procedure later. The artificial disk is quick recovery.

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P.S. I also am a candidate for this procedure, but can't afford the cost without help

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You all try living in pain every hour of the day because you can't afford to have this procedure. Appalling for this country.

SCB

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NOTE: Please do not deny this charite. I have been waiting a long time (2yrs) now for this procedure to be covered.

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James E. Hymes

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I myself if I become a candidate for an artificial disc will elect that surgery - no way would I consider a fusion over an artificial disc.

I will use my Thrift Savings plan savings for retirement rather than consider an insurance-covered fusion. even if it were to cost $100,000.00

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(CMS) PLEASE RE-THINK YOUR DECISION
I FEEL THAT THIS IS A GOOD THING
AT A VERY RESONABLE PRICE (COMPARITIVLY)

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Please consider

Recovery time is priceless as well as a future with no further problems

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In layman's terms, it's like saying "yeah, your back is broken but we won't cover the cost to fix it. So, just live with it." That is morally wrong!

Michael S Reed

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(P.S.) Not only as a D.D.D. sufferer, but as a physician, I am alarmed of your proposal to NOT cover one of the 1st FDA approved artificial disc available in the USA. Europe and other First world countries have successfully used these types of disc past the study stage for over 15yrs and prove such surgeries faster to recover from and return to work with less future disability, less chronic pain, and More Productive lives.

(OVER PLEASE)

Any decision to stop paying for coverage for artificial disc surgery will effectively cost our nation Billions more dollars keeping people in painfull disability. The cost medically to treat their pain + pay disability and lose potential wage earners (and therefore taxpayers) makes no common sense.

America : the USA, continues to fall behind medically, status wise, compared to other nations. We are Not #1 #2 or even close to #3 as a 1st world nation enjoying the best possible health nor health care in the world.

United States medicare patients are allowed to receive artificial knee and hip joints. Currently the United States is grossly behind other nations in (receiving) following artificial spine joint surgeries that other nations enjoy. They even receive artificial neck jts in other nations with great outcomes!

I fear I am correct in a prediction that, if you decide to refuse to cover the cost of the Chiarté disc surgery (a cost similar to fusion but with better results) this will send a signal in the USA to halt any further spine jt artificial replacement studies because sponsoring companies could not be sure, even if the FDA passes them as deemed safe and useful, whether insurance companies and you - medicare and medicaid - would cover them.

As a scientist and physician I do not understand why this country has not used other 1st world countries' research. I do not understand why we (you + insurance companies) still do not cover artificial neck and thoracic joints.

Please continue to cover costs for Lumbar Chiarte disc replacement as well as cover any future artificial spine joint treatments FDA approved(D). The future well-being of our nation's people depend on this. You, personally, or someone you care for now or in the future will depend on your decision to continue payment for artificial, moveable joint replacement, like the Chiarte.

Sincerely + Thank You

Beverly Stephenson, MD

Dear Sir,
I've known people who had the disc replacement surgery in clinical trials and they have returned to completely normal lifestyle becoming fully employed, paying Social Security benefits + federal taxes. I've also known people that have been fused and had discectomies and they are on medication, constant physical therapy and a lot of them are chronic pain patients. You would save ($$)! by approving disc replacement surgery.

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Texas Back Institute

March 1, 2006

Dear Patient:

The physicians and staff of Texas Back Institute (TBI) would like you to join them in their effort to garner support against the recent proposal to deny Medicare and Medicaid coverage for the CHARITE™ Lumbar Artificial Disc by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Please find the enclosed documents:

1) *The Wall Street Journal* article on the recent CMS conclusion that CHARITE™ disc surgery is not "reasonable and necessary" under the Medicare health insurance plan

2) Patient response letter and return stamped envelope to CMS

   This letter and stamped envelope are made available to you to submit to CMS requesting that they reconsider this non-coverage conclusion and approve CHARITE™ for Medicare and Medicaid recipients. Sending in letters during the public comment period delivers a message to CMS that people of all ages and income levels suffering from degenerative disc disease deserve the right to be considered for coverage of the procedure. **Please act quickly as the letter must be signed and submitted by March 17, 2006.**

   Please sign the letter, place in the stamped/pre-addressed envelope and mail to CMS. Please include your address, e-mail and telephone number (optional) to show your support for approval of coverage.

Finally, please call our toll-free number 1-888-783-1937 to let us know that you have responded to CMS in support of gaining approval for access to coverage of the CHARITE™ artificial disc replacement surgery. We are attempting to track the number of public responses made to CMS and make sure that every voice is heard in support for Medicare and Medicaid approval.

Thank you for taking the time to send in your response to show your support for coverage approval. We appreciate your joining in the effort to allow the elderly and lower income population the ability to have access to the CHARITE™ procedure and help to send a precedent for future insurance coverage of artificial disc surgeries.

Sincerely,

Ronald Cullison

The Physicians, Surgeons and Staff of Texas Back Institute

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(2) This letter is also a public Records Request. Please produce all documentation that indicates ~~that~~ ~~this~~ procedure is not "medically necessary"

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