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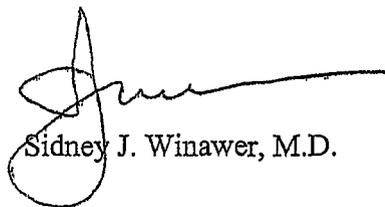
Dear Dr. Phurrough:

This letter is a formal request to CMS for a national coverage decision on:

Colorectal cancer screening through the identification of specific colorectal cancer associated DNA mutations and alterations by the analysis of human DNA isolated from stool

In accordance with the NCD request process published in the Federal Register, September 26, 2003 (FR Vol. 68, number 187, pages 55634-55641), we request that CMS uses the collaborative NCD development track, track one (pg 55638, IV E).

The information requested by CMS as part of the NCD development process is contained in the attached document. Dr. Barry M. Berger is the primary requestor and contact for this NCD request and may be reached at any time for additional information or clarification:



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