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Dear Dr. Phurrough:

Please allow this letter to serve as 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 (FR Vol. 68, number 187, pg 55638, IV E).

Dr. Barry M. Berger, Vice President for Laboratory Medicine, EXACT Sciences Corporation, is the primary requestor and contact for this NCD request and may be reached at any time for additional information or clarification: 508-683-1250 - Office, 617-293-7738 - Cell, or by e-mail: bberger@exactsciences.com.

Thank you for your consideration of this request from the organization which spearheaded the designation of March as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, and leads an awareness campaign each year that includes 55 collaborating partner organizations.

Sincerely,

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