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NOVITAS'S PROPOSED CUT IN REIMBURSEMENT RATE OF BLOOD TEST THREATENS HEART TRANSPLANT PATIENT CARE IN TEXAS

Medicare Administrative Contractor Novitas Solutions, Inc. would force AlloMap off the Medicare market in Texas, leaving transplant patients with a more invasive and frightening biopsy as their only alternative, and costing taxpayers more money for heart transplant care.

Novitas refuses to disclose basis for proposed rate cut and refuses to meet with CareDx

Dallas, Texas (July 12, 2016) – CareDx, Inc. (NASDAQ: CDNA), a molecular diagnostics company, today called for Medicare Administrative Contractor Novitas Solutions, Inc. to reverse its recent proposal to drastically reduce reimbursement for its FDA-cleared diagnostic test AlloMap, which measures gene expression levels to help clinicians determine a heart transplant recipient's risk for organ rejection.

Allomap enables physicians to order a blood test instead of an invasive biopsy.

“Not only does Novitas refuse to disclose the basis for its harmful proposed rate cut, it refuses to even meet with us to learn why it is mistaken,” said Dr. Peter Maag, President and CEO of CareDx. “If Novitas's proposal is adopted, we won't be able to offer AlloMap to Medicare patients anymore because the proposed rate is less than our cost.”

Dr. Maag spoke today at a telephonic press conference along with Texas heart transplant recipient Zeke Arguello and leading Texas cardiologist Dr. Pradeep Maamen, who talked of the importance of AlloMap and called on Novitas to reverse its proposal.

“AlloMap has empowered us to reduce heart biopsies by almost 25%,” said Dr. Maamen. “With AlloMap, we reduce biopsies while maintaining the same quality of care for our patients.”

“Heart transplant patients go through a lot of pain and stress,” added Mr. Arguello. “AlloMap significantly reduces that pain and stress, and I just wish AlloMap could’ve been available sooner.”

CareDx, based in Brisbane, California, developed AlloMap and has been distributing the test since 2005. AlloMap is used in 111 of the 129 heart transplant centers nationwide. AlloMap’s unique surveillance system allows patients to avoid many invasive biopsies. Results are reported to health care providers less than 48 hours after the test is administered, which is a critical time when assessing the risk of organ rejection. AlloMap is often referenced as one of the first examples of precision or personalized medicine already put into widespread clinical practice.

About CareDx

CareDx, Inc., based in Brisbane, California, is a molecular diagnostics company focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of clinically differentiated, high-value, non-invasive diagnostic surveillance solutions for transplant recipients. The Company has commercialized AlloMap®, a gene expression test that aids clinicians in identifying heart transplant recipients with stable graft function who have a low probability of moderate/severe acute cellular rejection. CareDx is also pursuing the development of additional products for post-transplant monitoring of other solid organs that use a variety of technologies, including next generation sequencing, to detect donor-derived cell-free DNA to monitor the health of organs after transplantation. For more information, please visit: www.CareDx.com.

Forward Looking Statements

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