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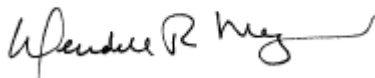
Dear Natalie:

At its recent meeting of July 19, 2005, the MASA Third Party Task Force in a meeting with representatives of Blue Cross/Blue Shield received a presentation from Dr. Patrick E. Ryce, Medical Director concerning increased radiation risks to patients resulting from higher utilization of diagnostic imaging procedures such as CT scans. Dr. Ryce requested that the Task Force consider what steps could be taken to promote both physician education and public awareness of the increase health risks associated with these diagnostic procedures. In an effort to better understand the issue, the Third Party Task Force is requesting the assistance of your organization in reviewing the information submitted to the Task Force by Blue Cross and providing your comments or suggestions. I am attaching a copy of the slide presentation made to the Task Force. In addition, I have been asked by the Task Force to invite a representative of your organization to meet with the Task Force at its August 16, 2005 meeting at the Association's offices, 19 South Jackson Street, Montgomery, Alabama. This agenda item is schedule for 1:00 p.m. on the above date.

Please let me know if you or a member of your organization will be able to attend.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Wendell R. Morgan
General Counsel

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Attachment