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THOSE LIVING WITH OR
AT RISK FOR LUNG CANCER.

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Monica J. Lindeen
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Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
840 Helena Ave.
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Dear Ms. Lindeen,

I am pleased to write to you today to seek clarity on the position of state insurance commissioners with regard to the enforcement of coverage for lung cancer screening. As background, Lung Cancer Alliance (LCA), the nations' leading patient advocacy organization devoted exclusively to those living with or at risk for lung cancer, played an instrumental role in advocating for screening and securing its recent coverage and reimbursement for those 55 – 77 at high risk.

On December 31, 2013, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force issued a B recommendation for CT screening for a targeted high risk population, and on February 5, 2015, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services finalized its decision to cover CT for a similar high risk population.

It is our understanding that insurance companies (except for certain grandfathered companies) are now required to offer this new preventive service as a covered benefit without co-pay or deductible requirements to those who meet the eligibility requirements for the targets population

If this is not correct, I would greatly appreciate your clarification as soon as possible. Given that lung cancer is the leading cause of all cancer deaths and that the life-saving benefit of CT screening is now being implemented around the country, I am certain that you will understand the urgency behind this request.

Many thanks in advance for your attention to this query.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laurie Fenton Ambrose", written in a cursive style.

Laurie Fenton Ambrose