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RE: NON-COVERAGE OF 3D MAMMOGRAPHY SERVICES

The notice below is given to private insurance patients who present for Mammography Services at our center. We are submitting appeals on behalf of our patients who authorize us to do so with the goal of securing coverage for this important exam.

The latest advancement in screening and diagnostic mammography is **Breast Tomosynthesis or 3D Mammography**. There are numerous clinical trials that substantiate the benefits of breast tomosynthesis in breast cancer detection.

Medicare and Medi-cal currently reimburse for Breast Tomosynthesis. Unfortunately, commercial or private insurers such as Blue Cross and Blue Shield deny reimbursement due to their belief that Breast Tomosynthesis is investigational or experimental. Under the Affordable Care Act, screening mammography is a covered benefit providing and protecting a women's right to access to care. **Rest assured, if your insurance provider denies payment for the breast tomosynthesis portion of this exam, you will not be responsible for payment; however, North State Radiology will assist in appealing this decision.**

The State of California Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) has the authority and responsibility to assist consumers in an appeal process. If Breast Tomosynthesis is denied as a non-benefit, North State Radiology will submit an appeal on your behalf to the DMHC requesting an Independent Medical Review. Please sign the attached form and return the form to the receptionist.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Schlund".

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