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Joseph Muscato, MD
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Dear Dr. Muscato:

Thank you for your letter dated July 22, 2011 to the Board of Trustees. In your letter, you requested a review of benefit coverage for the drug Neulasta® (Pegfilgrastim) when administered in a physician's office.

Based on further clinical review, please be advised that Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan (MCHCP) has revised benefit coverage to reflect the following:

- Effective July 29, 2011, the medication Neulasta® (Pegfilgrastim) will now be covered and processed as any other condition covered under MCHCP's medical plan. This will allow prescribers to administer the medication Neulasta® (Pegfilgrastim) at the physician's office.
- The medication Neulasta® (Pegfilgrastim) will continue to be available through CuraScript, as a specialty medication. It will be at the prescriber's discretion to allow patients to self administer.
- Effective July 29, 2011, the medication Neupogen® (Filgrastim) will now be covered and processed as any other condition covered under MCHCP's medical plan. This will allow prescribers to administer the medication Neupogen® (Filgrastim) at the physician's office.
- The medication Neupogen® (Filgrastim) will continue to be available through CuraScript, as a specialty medication. It will be at the prescriber's discretion to allow patients to self administer.

Please feel free to contact me at 573-526-4918 if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



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