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Dear Valued Culinary Provider:

Our goal at the Fund is to partner with our referring providers in offering quality health care to Culinary patients. We understand the need to establish and implement specialized programs for certain conditions to ensure quality, continuity, and efficient care. Therefore, we are partnering with Bennett Medical Services to offer their Sleep Apnea Program as a benefit to Culinary patients.

The Sleep Apnea Program is designed to follow a patient through screening, diagnosis, therapy, and compliance. This provides valuable information to providers regarding their patient's sleep apnea therapy.

As part of this program, we are offering all physicians the opportunity to submit a request to ENCOMPASS for an *Apnea Link*. This is a cost effective sleep screening tool conducted in the patient's home and provides information regarding respiration, oximetry and pulse. An analysis is performed by Bennett Medical and a one page report is generated and sent to the requesting provider. This will assist the physician in determining whether further evaluation is necessary.

Once screening has been completed and determined that further evaluation is required, Culinary patients can only be referred to Pulmonologists, Neurologists, or ENTs for these services. If one of these specialists determines that the Culinary patient requires a sleep study, they are to request authorization through Encompass.

The process for requesting authorizations remains the same. However, after June 1, 2008, sleep studies can only be ordered by a Pulmonologist, Neurologist or ENT specialist. Requests for authorization can be submitted either telephonically or by web to ENCOMPASS.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Nikolski at (702) 892-7338.

Sincerely,

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