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Mr. Jim Pugliese
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RE: Recent Notice of Material/Amendment

Dear Mr. Pugliese,

We are writing to you as board members of the Ohio Society of Pathologists. Our society includes approximately 250 physician members dedicated to promotion of the field of pathology in the state of Ohio. We have been contacted by several of our pathologist members regarding your recent Notice of Material/Amendment dated April 10, 2019.

As we understand it, this proposed change will take current Anthem rates to less than half of Medicare for both Commercial and Medicare products. The proposed fee schedule change will not cover costs and will jeopardize the ability of pathologists to provide excellent care to Anthem patients. We cannot comprehend the reasoning behind those cuts.

We are requesting a face to face meeting between representatives of our board on behalf of the Ohio Society of Pathology, yourself, and the medical director of Anthem for the state of Ohio.

In addition to sending this letter by email, you will receive a copy by certified mail with return receipt.

Sincerely,

Board of Governors
Ohio Society of Pathologists