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To whom it may concern

The Employer
Insurance Administrator
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RE: TOPICAL RETINOIDS AS BASIC ACNE TREATMENT

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please note the following per patient's request. The patient has been diagnosed with Acne and prescribed one the following retinoids.

RECOMMENDATIONS: **Retin-A** **Differin** **Tazorac**

THE ABOVE MEDICATION IS PRESCRIBED FOR ACNE,
A MEDICALLY APPROVED INDICATION.

It is a basic, primary, first Tier, standard acne treatment.
IT IS NOT PRESCRIBED FOR ANY COSMETIC PURPOSE.

Acne products containing non-retinoid agents e.g. Benzoyl Peroxide, antibiotics and other ingredients do not have the same active agents and cannot be substituted for the retinoids.

Please note "Non-Retinoid drugs" do not have the same mode of action and therapeutic benefit. Brand and Generic substitution within this retinoid group, if tolerated, is permissible.

There is no medical reason to deny the patient this first line of acne treatment. Your medical director may wish to review the recent literature.

Kindly authorize the prescribed medications or provide the patient a written explanation for "denial of coverage", and advise them as to what options they have to obtain such a coverage.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding this.

Sincerely,
M. A. Khan, M.D.
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