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**Re: Precision Medicine Applications in Autoimmune Conditions**

Dear Health Plan Representative:

The Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations (CSRO) is comprised of over 40 state and regional professional rheumatology societies whose mission is to advocate for excellence in the field of rheumatology, ensuring access to the highest quality of care for the management of rheumatologic and musculoskeletal disease. Our non-profit coalition helps practicing rheumatologists navigate the health care system for the benefit of their patients.

Today, we write in support of new and emerging precision medicine tools that will enable rheumatologists to more effectively and efficiently diagnose, treat, and manage patients with chronic autoimmune diseases, including rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE).

As innovation is happening rapidly, many of these technologies have yet to be referenced in current American College of Rheumatology (ACR) Guidelines. Nevertheless, rheumatologists are closely following the published literature, and where appropriate, applying precision medicine tools in clinical practice. Patients and payors will benefit from precision medicine tools as outcomes improve and costs are reduced.

We urge you to prioritize patient access to precision medicine tools by working with rheumatologists in developing favorable coverage policies with appropriate guardrails. This will enable rheumatologists to improve the quality of care for patients with chronic autoimmune conditions.

Thank you for considering the feedback of practicing rheumatologists. Should you have any questions, please contact our Executive Director, Ann Marie Moss, at [amos@csro.info](mailto:amos@csro.info).

Sincerely,



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