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To: The Board of Trustees
The Principal Officer
Administrators

Date: 19th October 2010

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Dear Colleagues,

Re: Pathology Utilisation and Costs

Pathology utilisation and costs is increasing exponentially. The increasing utilisation, with its beneficial economies of scale for pathologists, is not being passed on for the public to enjoy.

The attached document received by the BHF from Toga Laboratory highlights the problems/perversities in the current price list used to fund pathology services. BHF has commenced engagement with Toga Laboratory with a view to establishing a DSP network for medical schemes.

BHF hopes that this information will be useful in the medical schemes' engagement with the pathology practices to determine benefits/fees for 2011. Toga Laboratory can be contacted directly if required.

Yours sincerely,

Rajesh Patel
Head: Benefit & Risk

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