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**Moderator: Dr. Robert Kettler
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OPERATOR: This is Conference # 3889210.

Operator: Good afternoon. My name is (Laura) and I will be your conference operator today. At this time, I would like to welcome everyone to the J5 MAC Advisory Committee Meeting. All lines have been placed on mute to prevent any background noise.

After the speakers' remarks, there will be a question and answer session. If you would like to ask a question and provide a comment during this time, please press "star," and then the number "1" on your telephone keypad. If you would like to withdraw your question, press the "pound" key. Thank you.

It is my pleasure to introduce Dr. (Shayan Sheybani). You may begin your conference.

(Shayan Sheybani): Good afternoon, everyone. I would like to welcome all of you to Jurisdiction 5 Medicare Administrative Contractor Advisory Committee Meeting. My name is (Shayan Sheybani). I'm the co-chair for Iowa. I would like to call the meeting to order, please. Also, I would like to let you know that your agenda has already been documented by the operator.

The first order of business is to discuss the draft local coverage determination discussion. The first discussion today is DL3A211, corneal hysteresis. I'm opening. We may begin.

Robert Kettler: OK. Thank you, Dr. (Sheybani). This first draft LCD is a non-coverage policy for all corneal hysteresis assessments as a means of risk assessment or monitoring for progression of ophthalmic disease activity. And first I'll just ask if there are any comments here in the room. OK. (Laura), then, we could take any comments that there are on the line.

Operator: Absolutely. At this time, I would like to remind everyone, in order to ask a question or provide a comment, press “star” then the number “1” on your telephone keypad. We don’t have any comments at this time. You may continue.

Robert Kettler: OK. Thank you. The next LCD is DL3A213 and I’m going to ask Dr. (Holsmocker) to introduce this LCD. Or, if not, I will introduce it myself. This is an LCD that provides coverage indications, limitations and medical necessity for percutaneous vertebroplasty or kyphoplasty. It provides the inclusion and exclusion criteria and summary of the evidence in support of the LCD. First, are there any comments here in the room?

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Operator: Absolutely. We do have one comment coming from the line of Dr. (Ryan Holsmocker). The line is now open.

Robert Kettler: Go ahead.

(Ryan Holsmocker): Hi. I was trying to get through to present the LCD. I apologize that I didn’t do that at the time you asked, Dr. Kettler. But just to comment for the CAC members, this was presented at the multi-jurisdictional CAC in March in great detail.

There is a lot of feedback provided by providers in the community at that time. And so, we wanted to at least bring (it followed) again today. And any questions or comments I’d be happy to entertain it.

Robert Kettler: Thank you, Dr. (Holsmocker). (Laura), any other comments?

Operator: We do have another one coming from the line of (Remion Scape). The line is now open.

Male: Hi, Dr. Kettler. This is Dr. (Guys) from Missouri, intervention and pain management.

Robert Kettler: Hi. How are you doing?

Male: I want to make a quick comment – I’m doing well. How are you?

Robert Kettler: Good.

Male: I just want to make a quick comment about the LCD and (at the) preservation of the therapy is extremely important for those patient population. The patients do experience significant pain relief and significant improvement in their mobility after these procedures. That's all I want to say about that and wanted that we could preserve it.

Robert Kettler: OK. Thank you. (Laura), any other comments?

Operator: There are no further comments at this time. You may continue.

Robert Kettler: OK. With that, I'll turn things back to Dr. (Sheybani).

(Shayan Sheybani): Thank you, Dr. Kettler. Next...

Robert Kettler: And (Laura), the open portion of the meeting has been completed, so you can disconnect the observers. But the CAC members will remain on the line.

Operator: Absolutely.

Robert Kettler: Thank you.

Operator: OK.