



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

626 8th Avenue, SE • P.O. Box 45502 • Olympia, Washington 98504-5502

October 19, 2015

Hugh Straley, MD
Chair
Robert Bree Collaborative
Foundation for Health Care Quality
705 Second Avenue, Suite 410
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Dr. Straley:

SUBJECT: Bree Collaborative Adoption of the Washington State Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgical Bundle and Warranty

Thank you for your correspondence of September 23, 2015, and the evidence table that was submitted for review and consideration. We have reviewed the accountable payment model for Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) treatment and accept this work as a recommended high-value care guideline. The bundle and warranty for non-emergent CABG are excellent evidence-based and useful tools that will help purchasers, clinicians, and patients to achieve and maintain quality care. As you know, we are implementing all Bree Collaborative recommendations with our contracted partners including the Accountable Care Programs developed through the Healthier Washington initiative. The impact of your work will continue to have meaningful impact for the communities we serve.

Thank you and the Bree Collaborative for continuing your outstanding efforts to improve health care in Washington State. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Josiah Morse, Health Technology Assessment Program Director, by phone at 360-725-0839 or via email at josh.morse@haca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Dorothy F. Teeter, MHA
Director

Hugh Straley, MD

Chair

October 19, 2015

Page 2

cc: John Wiesman, Secretary, DOH
Kevin Quigley, Secretary, DSHS
Nathan Johnson, Chief Policy Officer, PPP, HCA
Rachel Quinn, Special Assistant, PPP, HCA
Josh Morse, Health Technology Assessment Program Director, PPP, HCA
Jason McGill, Executive Policy Advisor, Washington Governor's Office
Ginny Weir, Program Director, The Bree Collaborative