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## **FIRST COAST'S PROPOSED CUT IN REIMBURSEMENT RATE OF BLOOD TEST THREATENS HEART TRANSPLANT PATIENT CARE IN FLORIDA**

*Medicare Administrative Contractor First Coast Service Options, Inc. would force AlloMap off the Medicare market in Florida, leaving patients with a more invasive and frightening biopsy as their only alternative, and costing taxpayers more money for heart transplant care*

*First Coast refuses to disclose basis for proposed rate cut and refuses to meet with CareDx*

**Tampa, Florida (July 12, 2016)** – CareDx, Inc. (NASDAQ: CDNA), a molecular diagnostics company, today called for Medicare Administrative Contractor First Coast Service Options, Inc. to reverse its recent proposal to drastically reduce reimbursement for its FDA-cleared diagnostic test AlloMap, which measures gene expression levels to help clinicians determine a heart transplant recipient's risk for organ rejection.

Allomap enables physicians to order a blood test instead of an invasive biopsy.

“Not only does First Coast refuse to disclose the basis for its harmful proposed rate cut, it refuses to even meet with us to learn why it is mistaken,” said Peter Maag, President and CEO of CareDx. “If First Coast's proposal is adopted, we won't be able to offer AlloMap to Medicare patients anymore because the proposed rate is less than our cost.”

Mr. Maag spoke today at a telephonic press conference along with Florida heart transplant recipient Kenneth Mitchell and leading Florida cardiologist Debbie Hoffman, who talked of the importance of AlloMap and called on First Coast to reverse its proposal.

“AlloMap provides a significant advantage in post-transplant care,” said Dr. Hoffman. “It would be an outrage if we could not offer it to our Medicare patients.”

“I don’t understand why anyone would cause AlloMap to be taken from a patient who has been through so much,” added Mr. Mitchell. “AlloMap makes my life better.”

CareDx, based in Brisbane, California, developed AlloMap and has been distributing the test since 2005. AlloMap is used in 111 of the 129 heart transplant centers nationwide. AlloMap’s unique surveillance system allows patients to avoid many invasive biopsies. Results are reported to health care providers less than 48 hours after the test is administered, which is a critical time when assessing the risk of organ rejection. AlloMap is often referenced as one of the first examples of precision or personalized medicine already put into widespread clinical practice.

### **About CareDx**

CareDx, Inc., based in Brisbane, California, is a molecular diagnostics company focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of clinically differentiated, high-value, non-invasive diagnostic surveillance solutions for transplant recipients. The Company has commercialized AlloMap®, a gene expression test that aids clinicians in identifying heart transplant recipients with stable graft function who have a low probability of moderate/severe acute cellular rejection. CareDx is also pursuing the development of additional products for post-transplant monitoring of other solid organs that use a variety of technologies, including next generation sequencing, to detect donor-derived cell-free DNA to monitor the health of organs after transplantation. For more information, please visit: [www.CareDx.com](http://www.CareDx.com).

### **Forward Looking Statements**

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