Policy update regarding Naturopathic Investigations and Primary Care Physician (PCP) Referrals

Dear Patients,

This letter is to clarify the process for ordering and managing investigations recommended by your naturopathic doctor.

We understand that many of you consult with naturopathic doctors for complementary healthcare. It's important to realize that the Medical Services Plan (MSP) does not cover naturopathic services, including investigations.

Therefore, any investigations recommended by your naturopathic doctor, such as blood tests, imaging, or other diagnostic procedures, should be ordered and managed directly through their office. This ensures clarity regarding costs, results, and follow-up.

Specifically, we advise the following:

- **Naturopathic Investigations are Separate:** Investigations recommended by your naturopathic doctor are considered part of their services and should be arranged through their clinic.

- **Avoid PCP Referrals for Cost Saving:** We kindly request that you and your naturopathic doctor refrain from suggesting that your primary care physician (PCP) order these tests for cost savings. MSP coverage does not extend to investigations that are solely recommended by a naturopathic doctor.

- **Clarity on Costs:** Directly managing these investigations through your naturopathic doctor ensures transparency regarding the associated costs.

- **PCP Role:** Your PCP remains responsible for managing your general medical care and ordering investigations deemed medically necessary based on their assessment.

We understand that navigating healthcare costs can be challenging. We aim to provide clear information to ensure you receive the appropriate care while understanding the financial implications.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

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