Date

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Office Address

United States House of Representatives/United State Senate

City, State, Zip

Dear Representative/Senator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

As a physician who treats patients with venous disease, I urge you to oppose a recently proposed draft Local Coverage Determination (LCD) regarding Treatment of Varicose Veins of the Lower Extremities (DL34924) by Novitas, a Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC). I believe that this policy will limit patient access to care and wind up costing both the patient and the system significantly more in the long run.

It is important that coverage policies such as this are made based on clinical evidence and established science, not claims data. There is significant clinical and research data to demonstrate that the policy as proposed is inaccurate and would lead to an increase in severe cases. These are much more difficult and costly to treat, and preventable in many cases when caught early.

A number of other easily refuted inaccuracies are present in the policy, a list of which can be found at the American College of Phlebology website here: <http://www.phlebology.org/novitas-lcd-guidance>.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,

Your Name

Your Title

Your Address

Your City, State, Zip

Your Phone Number