

DermTech Enters into Commercial and Medicare Advantage Payor Coverage Contract for the Pigmented Lesion Assay

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LA JOLLA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 16, 2020-- DermTech, Inc. (NASDAQ: DMTK) ("DermTech"), a leader in precision dermatology enabled by a non-invasive skin genomics platform, announced today it has contracted with a regional health plan to make DermTech's gene expression based Pigmented Lesion Assay ("PLA") for the early detection of melanoma available to the regional health plan's commercial and Medicare Advantage membership. This is the first contract with this health plan that provides coverage for the PLA.

DermTech's PLA is the first non-invasive gene expression test for the early detection of melanoma. The PLA has a 99% negative predictive value ("NPV"), meaning there is a less than 1% chance of the PLA missing a melanoma when administered properly.

"We are excited to announce that our test is now available to a segment of commercial and Medicare Advantage members. Our PLA test offers significant benefits in early melanoma detection and reduced biopsies of benign lesions while also reducing costs to the healthcare system," said Dan Visage, Senior Vice President of Payor Access.

About DermTech:

DermTech is a leader in a new category of medicine, precision dermatology. DermTech's mission is to transform the practice of dermatology through more accurate diagnosis and treatment, and the elimination of unnecessary surgery, leading to improved patient care and lower costs. DermTech provides genomic analysis of skin samples collected non-invasively using an adhesive patch rather than a scalpel. DermTech markets and develops products that facilitate the early detection of skin cancers, and is developing products that assess inflammatory diseases and customize drug treatments. For additional information on DermTech, please visit DermTech's investor relations site at: www.dermtech.com.

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