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Hugh Straley, MD  
Chair  
Robert Bree Collaborative  
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**SUBJECT: Bree Recommendations: Total Knee and Total Hip Bundle and Warranty; Opioid Use Disorder Treatment; Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias**

Dear Dr. Straley:

We have reviewed and accept the recommendations and reports for the following subjects submitted to the Health Care Authority (HCA) following the Bree Collaborative meeting on November 15, 2017:

- Total Knee and Total Hip Replacement Bundled Payment Model and Warranty.
- Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Report and Recommendations
- Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias Report and Recommendations

HCA has or will share and work to implement each of these reports and recommendations. As you know, the knee and hip bundles are required for use in the state's Uniform Medical Plan Plus networks. HCA's efforts on opioid use disorder treatment, in partnership and aligned with our agency partners and the Collaborative are evolving across physical and behavioral health care systems as we integrate care access. And finally, further recognition and outreach to increase awareness and planning for individuals and families who may experience dementia and Alzheimer's disease are ever more important as our populations live longer.

Thank you and the Collaborative for continuing your outstanding efforts to improve the safe and effective purchasing and improvement of health care and overall health in Washington State. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Josh Morse, Health Services Section Manager, by phone at 360-725-0839 or via email at [josh.morse@hca.wa.gov](mailto:josh.morse@hca.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Acting Director

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