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Lanier M. Cansler, Secretary

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Jay Campbell Executive Director North Carolina Board of Pharmacy 6015 Farrington Road Suite 201 Chapel Hill, NC 27515

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 90-85.27, upon advice of the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy, the North Carolina Medical Board, and the State Health Director, please submit tacrolimus to the Codifier of Rules as an addition to the North Carolina Narrow Therapeutic Drug Index.

Based on the evidence presented, tacrolimus "exhibit[s] limited or erratic absorption, formulation-dependent bioavailability, and wide intrapatient pharmacokinetic variability that requires blood-level monitoring." N.C.G.S. § 90-85.27(4a).

Sincerely,

Lanier M. Cansler

CC: Leah Devlin, DDS, MPH, NC State Health Director Dr. Michael Sheppa, NC Medical Board

