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# Interpace Announces New Contracts with Multiple Blue Cross Blue Shield Plans

***In-Network Access for Thyroid Assays for More than 5 Million Members***

PARSIPPANY, NJ, Sept. 30, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Interpace Diagnostics Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: IDXG) announced today that it has contracted with 3 independent Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) plans totaling nearly 5 million covered lives across Alabama, Arkansas, and Arizona. These members of the BCBS Association are the largest payers in their respective states and each affiliate's customers now have access to both the ThyGeNEXT® and ThyraMIR® tests for assessing indeterminate thyroid biopsies on an in-network basis.

The ThyGeNEXT® - ThyraMIR® combination represents the first and only test on the market that includes the rule-out properties of next-generation sequencing of a patient's DNA and RNA along with the rule-in capabilities of a micro-RNA classifier to provide physicians with clinically actionable test results. According to the American Cancer Society, thyroid cancer is the most rapidly increasing cancer in the U.S., tripling in the past three decades. Most physicians have traditionally recommended thyroid surgery where thyroid nodule biopsy results are indeterminate, not clearly benign or malignant, following traditional cytopathology review; however, 70%-80% of these surgical outcomes are ultimately benign. Molecular testing using ThyGeNEXT® – ThyraMIR® has been shown to reduce the rate of unnecessary surgeries in indeterminate cases.

"Interpace continues adding contracts and expanding the accessibility of its molecular thyroid products to Blue Cross Blue Shield members across the country", said Jack Stover, CEO of Interpace. He continued, "The addition of these BCBS plans as in-network providers under contract is beneficial to their members and represents another important milestone for Interpace."

**About Thyroid Nodules, ThyGeNEXT® and ThyraMIR® Testing**

According to the American Thyroid Association, approximately 20% of the 525,000 thyroid fine needle aspirations (FNAs) performed on an annual basis in the U.S. are indeterminate for malignancy based on standard cytological evaluation, and thus are candidates for ThyGeNEXT® and ThyraMIR®.

ThyGeNEXT® and ThyraMIR® reflex testing yields high predictive value in determining the presence and absence of cancer in thyroid nodules. The combination of both tests can improve risk stratification and surgical decision- making when standard cytopathology does not provide a clear diagnosis for the presence of cancer.

ThyGeNEXT® utilizes state-of-the-art next-generation sequencing (NGS) to identify more

than 100 genetic alterations associated with papillary and follicular thyroid carcinomas, the two most common forms of thyroid cancer. ThyraMIR® is the first microRNA gene expression classifier. MicroRNAs are small, non-coding RNAs that bind to messenger RNA and regulate expression of genes involved in human cancers, including every subtype of thyroid cancer. ThyraMIR® measures the expression of 10 microRNAs. Both ThyGeNEXT® and ThyraMIR® are covered by both Medicare and Commercial insurers, with more than 280 million patients covered.

**About Interpace**

Interpace is a leader in enabling personalized medicine, offering specialized services along the therapeutic value chain from early diagnosis and prognostic planning to targeted therapeutic applications.

Interpace's Diagnostic Business is a fully integrated commercial and bioinformatics business unit that provides clinically useful molecular diagnostic tests, bioinformatics and pathology services for evaluating risk of cancer by leveraging the latest technology in personalized medicine for improved patient diagnosis and management. Interpace has four commercialized molecular tests and one test in a clinical evaluation process (CEP): PancraGEN® for the diagnosis and prognosis of pancreatic cancer from pancreatic cysts; ThyGeNEXT® for the diagnosis of thyroid cancer from thyroid nodules utilizing a next generation sequencing assay; ThyraMIR® for the diagnosis of thyroid cancer from thyroid nodules utilizing a proprietary gene expression assay; and RespriDX® that differentiates lung cancer of primary vs. metastatic origin. In addition, BarreGEN® for Barrett's Esophagus, is currently in a clinical evaluation program whereby we gather information from physicians using BarreGEN® to assist us in positioning the product for full launch, partnering and potentially supporting reimbursement with payers.

Interpace's Biopharma Business is a market leader in providing pharmacogenomics testing, genotyping, and biorepository services to the pharmaceutical and biotech industries. The Biopharma Business also advances personalized medicine by partnering with pharmaceutical, academic, and technology leaders to effectively integrate pharmacogenomics into their drug development and clinical trial programs with the goals of delivering safer, more effective drugs to market more quickly, and improving patient care.

For more information, please visit Interpace's website at www.interpacediagnostics.com.

**Forward-looking Statements**

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