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Dear Dr. Potter,

Thank you for your recent communication to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) alerting us to several pieces of information on CDC's Rabies website, which relate to the costs associated with rabies post-exposure prophylaxis, that were outdated and consequently inaccurate. Specifically, you pointed out correctly that our cost estimates assumed a 5-dose vaccination regimen, rather than the currently recommended 4-dose regimen, and that we had not taken into account the "retail" cost of biologics for a typical-sized U.S. citizen. Your overall conclusion was that we had vastly underestimated the true cost of a course of rabies post-exposure vaccination.

To correct this, we reassessed estimates based on available data and posted updated information regarding overall costs and annual cost projection on our website at <http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/location/usa/cost.html>.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information. If you wish to appeal this response to your request for correction, you may submit a written appeal or electronic request for reconsideration within 30 days of receipt of our response. The appeal must state the reasons why the agency response is insufficient or inadequate. You must attach a copy of your original request and the agency's response to it. Also, clearly mark the appeal with the words, "Information Quality Appeal" and send the appeal to the following address:

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Management Analysis and Services Office
1600 Clifton Road, NE, Mailstop F-07
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Fax: (770) 488-4995 or Electronic Mail: InfoQuality@cdc.gov

We would again like to thank you for bringing this to our attention and for encouraging us to make the necessary changes.

Sincerely,

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