# **ATTACHMENT 13**

# Iowa Phase III Buccal Pre-Contact Letters and Collection Kit Cover Letters

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# Attachment 13A: Phase III Buccal Cell Pre-Contact Letter for Iowa Respondents with Prostate Cancer

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