



Bel-Rea Institute of Animal Technology

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Dear Insurance Carrier or Physician's Office,

Insured has been accepted and or is currently enrolled at Bel-Rea Institute of Animal Technology's Veterinary Technology Program. This is a 2-year Associate of Applied Science degree program designed for graduates to serve as veterinary technicians for all species of animals.

Students in Bel-Rea Institute of Animal Technology's Veterinary Technology Program provide hands-on care for many animals, including strays with unknown vaccination and medical histories.

In May of 2022 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its guidelines to include Veterinary Technicians among those considered at higher risk of rabies exposure to a *Risk Category 3*, see link below for additional details

In accordance with these guidelines, Bel-Rea Institute of Animal Technology requires incoming and or currently enrolled Veterinary Technology students to be vaccinated against rabies per the CDC's human pre-exposure prophylaxis protocol series of 2 timed vaccinations (<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/rabies.html>).

CDC Recommended rabies vaccine dosage for Risk Category 3:

- *2 doses, days 0 and 7, plus:
 - Either a one-time titer check after 1 year and up to 3 years following the first 2-dose vaccination
 - Or
 - 1-dose booster between 3 weeks and 3 years following first vaccine in the 2-dose vaccination
- * *Risk Category 3*: https://www.cdc.gov/rabies/prevention/pre-exposure_vaccinations.html

Based on this information, your insured is asking that you consider coverage for the 2-dose rabies vaccination series or if required, testing for rabies titers. Please contact me should you wish for additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nolan Rucker'.

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