

This Computes!



**Department of Health Care Services
Children's Medical Services Network
(CMS Net) - Information Bulletin #345**

Provider Contracting for Hemophilia Blood Factor Products

Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14105.3 provides authority for the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to enter into contracts with providers who distribute and provide specialty drugs. Hemophilia blood products will be the first class of drugs to undergo specialty provider contracting.

Beginning July 1, 2010, DHCS will initiate contracts with certain enrolled providers of hemophilia blood factor products. This will limit access to providers of factor products that do not have a contract with DHCS.

Beginning July 1, 2010, CCS Counties, CMS Branch State Regional Offices, and GHPP shall only authorize hemophilia blood factor products to contracted providers, unless an emergency, urgent, or unusual situation occurs.

Unusual situations may include, but not limited to:

- State contracted provider is out-of-stock of the requested product and cannot provide the service
- State contracted providers do not provide service to the area in which the client resides
- State contracted providers are not available to provide the service at the time that the service is needed
- Requesting provider is a hospital or emergency room

Patient preference (for a particular pharmacy provider) is not a valid reason to authorize product(s) to a non-contracted pharmacy.

CCS Counties, CMS Branch Regional Offices, and GHPP shall:

- Document circumstances under which authorization was granted to a non-contracted provider in CMSNET Case Notes or GHPP Narrative.
- Authorizations given to a non-contracted provider should be for a limited (short) duration of time and not for long term.

A list of DHCS contracted providers is posted in CCS SAR Tools:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ccs/cmsnet/Pages/SARTools.aspx>

and in the Medi-Cal Provider Manual, page 5:

http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/publications/masters-mtp/part2/blood_m01o03o04p00.doc

Contracted providers are NPI number specific, meaning, each individual NPI stands alone; there are no contracts to a chain of providers.

CMSNET will display a reminder message, in red, whenever a NDC for blood factor product is chosen.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Edan Lum, Pharm D., CMS Branch Pharmaceutical Consultant,
916-324-8906 or 510-286-0722, edan.lum@dhcs.ca.gov