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To: Genetically Handicapped Persons Program (GHPP) Clients with Hemophilia

Subject: Communication between GHPP Clients, Hemophilia Treatment Center (HTC) Providers and the GHPP Program

Maintaining communication between you and your hemophilia treatment center provider is essential for ensuring the highest quality care. The GHPP is experiencing challenges with authorization of factor products due to lack of medical justification from the requesting pharmacies. To help address these problems, GHPP needs information about your bleeding episodes and factor dosing in order to authorize refills if you use factor on an “as needed” basis.

GHPP authorizes the following type of factor requests:

- 1) Factor products for use on a regular prophylaxis basis. These products are authorized one month at a time.
- 2) A stock of “as needed” factor product, in addition to prophylactic factor, to be kept at your home and used for breakthrough bleeding. Medical justification is needed to authorize replacement doses of these “as needed” products when there is breakthrough bleeding or trauma.
- 3) Periodic factor doses for bleeding episodes and/or to use prior to a specific event if you are not on prophylaxis therapy. These doses are used to prevent bleeding, such as surgery, dental work or physical activity. Medical justification is needed to authorize these requests. It would be helpful to keep a written record of your bleeding episodes to provide to the pharmacy.

It is important if you experience breakthrough bleeds to communicate your medical needs to your HTC team, in addition to your pharmacy provider. We all need to be apprised of any changing medical needs in order to provide authorizations of medically necessary services. Also please keep in mind due to the limited number of GHPP staff, requests for a reauthorization for another month of prophylaxis factor should be

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submitted by the pharmacy at least two weeks before the expiration of an existing authorization.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the GHPP office at (800) 639-0597.

Sincerely,

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