# Does a Lack of Dental Insurance Bring You Down? There May Be Help!

Cascade provides funding to hemophilia foundations in our region to administer a **high-quality** Delta Dental program for members of the bleeding disorder community.

#### How Do You Qualify?

- ✓ You have a bleeding disorder or are a symptomatic carrier (Family members without a bleeding disorder are also eligible in Ohio only)
- ✓ You have no dental insurance or inadequate dental insurance (in special cases)
- ✓ You are a resident of Michigan, Ohio, or Indiana
- ✓ You agree to **USE** the insurance within the year

Low cost or no costs premiums and requirements vary in each state.

## For More Information or to Apply

#### Michigan Residents

Call Lisa Clothier at HFM at 734-961-3512 or go to hfmich.org/dental-health/ to download applications.

#### **Ohio Residents**

Call Randi Clites at the Ohio Dental Program at 330-730-1259 or email randi@nohf.org.

#### Indiana Residents

Call Angel Couch-DiRuzza at Hemophilia of Indiana, Inc. at 317-570-0039 or email adiruzza@hoii.org.

# Legal Resources

#### **Disability Rights Michigan**

An independent, private, nonprofit organization designated to advocate and protect the legal rights of people with disabilities in Michigan. MPAS services include information and referral, resolution of disability-issues, short-term assistance, and selected individual and legal representation. 800-288-5923 or drmich.org.

#### Accessia Health

This national legal support hotline answers questions regarding insurance issues, work accommodations, school accommodations, Family Medical Leave Act and more. Call the ACCESS hotline at 888-700-7010 or accessiahealth.org.

#### Community Legal Aid Services Northeast Ohio

Central to our work is providing support for low-income individuals and families, as well as for special, vulnerable populations, including the elderly, those with language, cultural, or educational barriers, those with disabilities, and veterans. For general information, you can reach us at 866-584-2350, info@communitylegalaid.org, or communitylegalaid.org.



Language assistance services are available free of charge. Call: 1-800-996-2575.

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-800-996-2575.

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# Hemophilia Chapters/Foundations Social & Support/Programs

#### Hemophilia of Indiana, Inc. (HOII)

6910 N. Shadeland Avenue, Suite 140 Indianapolis, IN 46220 Phone: 317-570-0039 Website: hoii.org

#### Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan

1921 W. Michigan Avenue Ypsilanti, MI 48197-4816 Phone: 734-544-0015 Website: hfmich.org

## Northern Ohio Hemophilia Foundation

Liberty Plaza 5000 Rockside Road, Suite 230 Independence, OH 44131 Phone: 216-834-0051 Website: nohf.org

#### Tri-State Bleeding Disorder Foundation

635 W. Seventh Street, Suite 407 Cincinnati, OH 45203-1549 Phone: 513-961-4366 Website: tsbdf.com

## Northwest Ohio Hemophilia Foundation

Harris Macintosh Tower 2121 Hughes Drive, Suite 940 Toledo, OH 43606 Phone: 419-291-5882

#### **Hemophilia Treatment Centers**

Some Hemophilia Treatment Centers have parent support dinners/events and other activities available to you. Ask your Hemophilia Treatment Center staff for more information.

#### Central Ohio Chapter

4400 N. High Street, Suite 216 Columbus, OH 43214 Phone: 614-902-3965 Website: nhfcentralohio.org

#### Southwestern Ohio Hemophilia Foundation

3131 S. Dixie Drive, Suite 103 Moraine, OH 45439 Phone: 937-298-8000 Website: swohf.org

#### Hemophilia Federation of America

Hemophilia Federation of America has several online support groups for men and women with bleeding disorders.



## Cascade Hemophilia Consortium Mission

The Purpose for Which the Corporation is Organized

To enhance the system of care for people with bleeding disorders and related complications, by assuring the lowest possible price for the full range of treatments, HIV and hepatitis related therapies and other medications available to treat their disease; to provide access to these medications for those without insurance or inadequate insurance coverage; to support the comprehensive hemophilia treatment centers in treating and educating consumers and their families so they may become knowledgeable and proactive in managing their own care.

2025 Traverwood Drive, Suite A Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105

Hours: M-F 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Available for after hours emergencies

Phone: 734-996-3300 800-996-2575 Fax: 734-996-5566

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# Letter from Cascade Social Worker Colleen Joiner



Colleen Joiner, LMSW, CCM Clinical Care Manager



Dear Readers,

Every few years, we like to revisit important community resources that could be of benefit to our readers. The bleeding disorder community has a wealth of local and national resources available to those who need them. Whether it's financial assistance, job training, or even social support, it's good to know that organizations throughout the community have your back and are there to help.

In this issue, staff from the HTC network have shared programs and resources they have found useful. Even if you don't have a current need, you can always call Cascade or your HTC social worker and we'll get you to the appropriate place.

We hope this resource guide helps you when you need it most.

Are you temporarily uninsured?

Do you have questions about Medicare?

Are you interested in meeting people in the bleeding disorder community?

If so, you may find this resource newsletter helpful!

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## Emergency Financial Assistance

## Chapter/Foundation Assistance

Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan – Michigan residents only

Please call Lisa Clothier, LMSW at 734-961-3512. Lisa coordinates all financial assistance with your hemophilia treatment center.

#### Ohio Chapter Assistance - Ohio residents only

Please contact your local chapter (listed in this newsletter) for financial assistance. Guidelines vary with each chapter.

#### Hemophilia of Indiana, Inc. – Indiana residents only

Please call HOII at 317-570-0039 or 800-241-2873 for assistance.

#### Older Adults

#### Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)

Assists individuals aged 60 and older with coordination of services including meals-on-wheels, transportation and other supportive services. AAAs also offer prescription drug financial assistance, food programs and end-of-life assistance. Services are provided primarily through agencies that contract with the AAAs. To find a local office in your area, please call Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, 517-241-4100 and press 1 after general information or michigan.gov/aasa.



**Area Agency on Aging in Ohio:** ohioaging.org for Ohio Residents

**INConnect:** in.gov/fssa/inconnectalliance for Indiana Residents

#### **National Programs**

#### Hemophilia Federation of America: Helping Hands Program

Provides emergency financial assistance to individuals with a bleeding disorder. A social work referral is required. Please call your HTC or Cascade social worker for assistance.

#### Colburn/Keenan Foundation

Charitable giving programs providing assistance and support to individuals and families impacted by inherited bleeding disorders. The Foundation's individual grants are meant to help individuals and families meet their urgent medical, basic survival, and quality of life needs. To download an application, please go to colkeen.org.

#### An HTC referral is required.

#### **PAN Hemophilia Treatment Assistance**

Provides financial assistance up to \$2,900 per year for co-payments, co-insurance and deductibles to financially and medically qualified patients, including those insured through federally administered health plans such as Medicare. Phone: 866-316-7263

#### Hope for Hemophilia

Hope for Hemophilia's mission is to give hope and strength to individuals and families living with a chronic illness or rare disease by providing resources, financial assistance, education, and emotional support. hopeforhemophilia.org or 888-529-8023

#### United Way 211 Help Line (Simply Dial 211!)

This service directs all residents to local agencies and services throughout your state to meet your specific needs.



# Temporarily Uninsured and Need Factor and/or Hep C Medication?

Manufacturers have additional programs to help you get your factor product free of charge on a limited basis if you are under or un-insured. Please speak with your HTC social worker.

# Insurance Co-Pay Assistance Program List

- ✓ Most of the programs below do not have any income requirements and will help with co-pays and deductibles.
- ✓ You must have commercial/private insurance to qualify for the co-pay assist programs. If you have no insurance, many manufacturers can supply you with factor on a limited basis.
- √ Many programs will pay your co-pays retro-actively (after you have ordered or received your factor product).

Manufacturer	Co-Pay/Co-Insurance Program	Limit Per Year	Factor Product
Medexus Pharma	855-494-6489	\$12,000	lxinity
Takeda	888-229-8379	\$20,000	Advate, Feiba, Recombinate, Adynovate, Rixubis, Hemophil M, Vonvendi
Bayer	800-288-8374	\$20,000	JIVI, Kovaltry
Sanofi	Aprolix: 855-692-5776 Eloctate: 855-693-5628	\$20,000	Aprolix, Eloctate
Bio Products Laboratory Limited	844-424-1010	\$12,000	Coagadex, Gamaplex 5% - 10%
CSL Behring	800-676-4266	\$12,000	Afstyla, Idelvion, Humate P, Corifact, Haegarda, Berinert, Hizentra, Zemaira, Riastop, Mononine
Grifols	844-693-2286	No Limit	Alphanate, AlphaNine
Novo Nordisk	844-668-6732	\$12,000	NovoSeven, NovoEight, Tretten, Esperoct, Rebinyn
Octapharma	855-498-4260	\$12,000	Wilate, NUWIQ
Pfizer	844-989-4366	\$12,000	Xyntha, BeneFIX
Genentech	844-436-2672	\$15,000	Hemlibra
Hema Biologics	855-718-4362	\$12,000	SevenFact

## Insurance Premium Assistance

# Children's Special Health Care (MI), Children with Medical Handicaps, CMH (OH), or Medicare Premium Assistance Program-MPAP (OH)

May provide premium assistance on a case-by-case basis. Generally, if you're having difficulty paying for premiums and you utilize a large amount of factor (usually a severe hemophilia patient) CSHCS or CMH in Ohio may be willing to assist with premiums for a commercial insurance or Medicare Part B plan. Please talk with your HTC or Cascade Social Worker.

#### Accessia Health

Provides peace of mind to patients living with specific chronic illnesses by providing financial assistance to eligible persons by subsidizing the cost of health insurance premiums. **Indiana and Ohio residents only**. Call 800-366-7741 or accessiahealth.org.

## Michigan Drug Assistance Program (MIDAP)

(HIV and Hepatitis C Medications only)

You qualify for the program if you:

- √ Are a resident of Michigan
- ✓ Can provide documentation of your HIV and/or Hep C status
- √ Can provide documentation of your income

Call the MIDAP staff at 888-826-6565 or go to michigan.gov for more information. Online and paper applications are available.

## Medicare Guidance

#### Michigan Medicaid Medicare Assistance Program (MMAP)

Provides high quality and accessible health benefit information and counseling, supported by a statewide network of unpaid and paid skilled professionals. These individuals are NOT in insurance sales and provide unbiased information and can help older adults and the disabled choose a Medicare or Medicaid plan. Call 800-803-7174 or go to mmapinc.org for more information.

#### Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP)

This program provides Ohio residents with free, objective health insurance information, one-on-one counseling, and educates consumers about Medicare. Call 800-686-1578 or online at insurance.ohio.gov.



#### Indiana SHIP

SHIP provides tools and information to help you make decisions regarding your health care. They strive to help you be wise consumers and to get the most value for your health insurance dollars. Call 800-452-4800 or online at in.gov/ship

**Your HTC or Cascade social worker** will not choose a plan for you, however they may guide you on what to look for when choosing a Medicare plan. It's a great place to start!

## Career Resources

#### Indiana

The Indiana Hemophilia and Thrombosis Center career counselor plays a critical role in helping patients with bleeding and clotting disorders accomplish goals and have success throughout the lifespan. For further information or to schedule an appointment, please call the main office number, 317-871-0000, or toll-free number, 877-CLOTTER (877-256-8837).

Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR) provides quality individualized services to enhance and support people with disabilities to prepare for, obtain or retain employment. The individual will work closely with a VR counselor throughout the process. Please visit: secure.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2636.htm or call 800-457-8283 to locate your nearest office.

#### National

# Hemophilia Federation of America Helping Forward Program

Grant money for job training and other helpful employment services. Website: hemophiliafederation.org under 'Our Role and Programs'.

#### Michigan

#### Michigan Rehabilitation Services

Works in partnership with individuals with disabilities to prepare for and obtain competitive employment, including exploring the possibilities of self-employment or owning a small business.

Employment services to individuals with disabilities are provided in all 83 Michigan counties. Visit michigan.gov/mdhhs

#### Ohio

#### Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR)

Placement in an employment setting suitable to your skills and capacities is the ultimate goal. Following training, we can provide placement assistance to you including resume development and practice interviews to get you ready for the job search.

Vocational training might include vocational school, college, technical or business school, or on-the-job or supported employment training. If supplies such as textbooks or tools are required for vocational training, or licenses and equipment are necessary to begin an occupation, OOD can help with those items.

Visit ood.ohio.gov/Core-Services/BVR/Purpose or call 888-282-4536