# **Coordinate Your Insurance Benefits:** It's the Law

As we approach the new year, many of us are renewing or changing insurance plans. In order to ensure your medical expenses are paid when you have more than one plan, please remember to:

- Tell ALL your insurance plans about any other insurance plans for which you are enrolled
- > Tell all your medical providers, including Cascade, about ALL insurance plans
- The insurance plans will decide which insurance is the primary

By doing the above, you save yourself the possibility of getting an unnecessary bill for products or services that would normally be covered.



# Making Life Easier Through Technology

#### Texting Refill Reminders

Cascade now offers text-based refill reminders! No new app or account is necessary, and all communications are secure, encrypted and HIPAA compliant. You can request to receive a text message before your order is due and all you need to do is text us back to place the order.

Scan the QR code or go to CascadeHC.org/texting to give consent and enroll in this new service.

If you have any questions, please contact Cascade Pharmacists at 734-996-3300.

#### **Returning Signed Delivery Tickets**

We're making it easier for you to return signed delivery tickets that are enclosed with each shipment! Just scan the QR code at the top of each delivery ticket you receive and follow the prompts. You still have the option to sign and mail back your delivery ticket to Cascade via the enclosed prepaid envelope.

Returning a signed delivery ticket is becoming increasingly important as insurance companies can deny coverage (and payment!) if confirmation of delivery is not received back to Cascade, and your signed delivery ticket serves as this confirmation of receipt!

# Cascade... A Trusted Partner in Your Circle of Care



Pictured: Back Row: Paul Kasdorf, Joanna Pangilinan, Ethan Perry, Karen Hagemeyer, Mike Altese, Colleen Joiner, Dean Hindenlang, Kirk Haddas, Sue Carlini, Ted Beimel, Jaclyn Huber, Gail Donehue, Rebecca Blumenfeld. Front Row: Stephanie Sibrel, Sara Gligoroff, Melissa Laustroer, Debbie Whelan, Casey Kepczynski, Stephanie Raymond, Roxanna Germann, Devin Bromley, Kristina Halcomb, Rachel Blake, Mary McClure. (Not pictured: Emily Kwaske, Thomas Kwaske, Chelsea Seal, Erica Godsey, Nancy Inverso, and Allison Postma)

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## A Message from Cascade's Board President

The beginning of a new year is often a time

opportunities for growth in the coming year.

fulfill our mission to "enhance the system of

to reflect on accomplishments in the past

year, and to ponder and plan new

Cascade Hemophilia Consortium is

consistently looking for opportunities to

care for people with bleeding disorders." Through our non-profit 340B pharmacy, we



Elizabeth Sandon-Kleiboer RN, BA President, Cascade Board of Directors

are committed to assuring the lowest prices for treatments. As a Hemophilia Treatment Center in the Michigan/Indiana/Ohio Region, we are dedicated to our partnerships with other HTCs in the Region to assure people with bleeding disorders have access to great medical, nursing, social work, pharmacy, genetic counseling, and other valuable services. Cascade also partners with the HTCs and Foundations in the Region to provide financial assistance, support for

educational programs, and physical programs to support healthy lifestyles. In 2023, Cascade expanded nursing services to provide better access to home

infusion and support to comprehensive clinics. Cascade also expanded case management services available from staff social workers. In these times of increased scrutiny of federal programs which provide access to care for vulnerable populations, Cascade has continued to work diligently to advocate for continued access to all treatments and services for people with bleeding disorders.

Cascade is honored to partner with patients and families to continue to expand services and develop new opportunities to support health and healing. Wishing all of you a healthy and happy new year!

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## Cascade Hemophilia **Consortium Mission**

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.

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# How Do You Help the Bleeding Disorder Community by Using Cascade's Services?

We appreciate that you've chosen Cascade as part of your care team Because we're a non-profit 340B factor program, you can feel good that your choice benefits the bleeding disorders community in significant ways.

#### Primary goal: Provide excellent and ethical services

Cascade's primary goal is to provide excellent and ethical services to our patients while ensuring the lowest prices possible for their medications.

In 1994, the Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan (HFM) and a group of community members developed Cascade as a self-governing, non-profit organization. Shortly after Cascade's incorporation, we were granted status as a federal grantee, Hemophilia Treatment Center (HTC) and 340B covered entity.

#### What is the 340B Program?

The 340B Drug Discount Program is a federal government program created in 1992 that requires drug manufacturers to provide outpatient drugs to eligible healthcare organizations and covered entities at significantly reduced prices. The income generated by these discounts allows us and other covered entities to support and expand access to comprehensive care and services to the bleeding disorders community.

#### Secondary goal: Support patient care and education

Our second goal is to support patient care and education in our region. We do this by utilizing all revenue after expenses to provide financial support and services to HTCs and Chapter Foundations in our region. We support and partner with other HTCs and Foundations to provide direct patient care, educational conferences/events, and emergency financial assistance for patients like you. By choosing Cascade as one of your providers, you have helped to provide over \$74 million in total support to the bleeding disorder community since 1997.

# Great Lakes Region HTC Partners

As part of the Great Lakes Regional Hemophilia Treatment Center network, Cascade has worked collaboratively with your treatment center for many years. Staff members at Cascade have a long history in the community and thoroughly understand bleeding disorders and bleeding disorders care. In fact, some staff members have previously worked at other HTCs and provide professional expertise from their perspectives. Cascade and our HTC partners meet regularly to ensure the process of meeting your needs runs smoothly.

#### Michigan

Children's Hospital of Michigan Detroit Helen DeVos Children's Hospital Grand Rapids Henry Ford Hospital Detroit Hurley Medical Center Flint Detroit Receiving Hospital Detroit Michigan State University East Lansing Munson Medical Center **Traverse City** Michigan Medicine Ann Arbor Bronson Methodist Hospital Kalamazoo

#### Ohio

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Children's Hospital Medical Center	Akron
Children's Hospital Medical Center	Cincinn
Children's Hospital	Dayton
ProMedica Children's Hospital	Toledo
Nationwide Children's Hospital	Columb
Ohio State University	Columb
University Hospital Medical Center	Cincinn
University Hospitals	Clevelar
Indiana	

Indiana Hemophilia and

Thrombosis Center

Indianapolis

# **Regionally Supported Services**

Each year, the Hemophilia Treatment Centers and bleeding disorder foundations throughout Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio receive financial support from Cascade. This support helps fund important services and programs to benefit your care. Because you choose to use Cascade as one of your providers, you are supporting these vital services.

# Patient and Family Education and Support\*

#### Annual Family Conferences

SpringFest

FamOhio

National Women's Conferences

**Consumer Sponsorships to National Conferences** 

Hemophilia of Indiana Annual Meeting

#### Programs

Launch Career Program

Family Community Nights

Individual Mental Health Support

Healthy Living Program

Men's Activity Group

Youth Sports Programs



Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron Hemophilia Treatment Center



#### Weekend Retreats

Teen Retreats

Bleeder and A Buddy Days for Girls

### Women's Retreats

HIV Retreats

Summer and Fall Family Education Camps & Retreats

Teen Leadership Camp

Upper Peninsula Family Retreat

### Patient Financial Assistance

Emergency Financial Support

\*Partial list of programs funded



Detroit Receiving Hospital Hemophilia Treatment Center



Corewell Health-Helen DeVos Children's Hospital Hemophilia Treatment Center

#### Summer Camp Programs and Camp Sponsorships

For youth with bleeding disorders in Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana

#### Delta Dental Insurance Programs

For people with bleeding disorders in Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana

## HTC & Bleeding Disorder Foundation Support

#### HTC Staff Support

- Physicians
- Nurses
- Social Workers
- Physical Therapists
- Dieticians
- Genetics Counselors
- Technological Support
- Nurse Educators
- Dental Hygienists
- Data and Research Managers
- Physician Fellowship Award

#### Medical Needs Funding

Transportation to Clinic Visits Medical ID Bracelets Durable Medical Equipment Genetic Testing

#### **Patient Education & Outreach**

Patient Newsletters Website Development & Computer Software Amish Outreach Programs Health Education Videos

### Advocacy

State Advocacy Days Ohio Statehouse Day Consumer Advocacy Education and Training Cascade's Washington DC Advocacy







