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BULLETIN

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TO: All Carriers Subject to the Health Care Quality Act, P.L. 1997, c. 192 (generally codified as N.J.S.A. 26:2S-1 et seq.)

FROM: Marilyn Dahl, Deputy Commissioner, New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services /s/ MD

DATE: June 30, 2005

RE: Designation of Hemophilia Home Treatment Providers; State-recognized Outpatient Regional Hemophilia Treatment Centers

Designation of Hemophilia Home Treatment Providers

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 26:2S-10.1, the Department of Health and Senior Services (Department) is required to develop a list of providers determined to be eligible to provide home treatment services for bleeding episodes associated with hemophilia (designated hemophilia home treatment providers) with which carriers are permitted to contract for the provision of hemophilia home treatment on an in-network basis when a carrier is offering health benefits plans that are managed care plans. The term "carrier" is defined at N.J.S.A. 26:2S-2 to mean an insurance company, health service corporation, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation or health maintenance organization authorized to issue health benefits plans in New Jersey. The term "health benefits plan" is defined at N.J.S.A. 26:2S-2 to mean a benefits plan that pays or provides hospital and/or medical expense benefits for covered services, and is delivered or issued for delivery in New Jersey by or through a carrier. (See N.J.S.A. 26:2S-2 for specific inclusions and exclusions.) The term "managed care plan" means a health benefits plan that integrates the financing and delivery of appropriate health care services to covered persons by arrangements with participating providers who are selected to participate in the carrier's network of providers on the basis of explicit standards to provide services and financial incentives for covered persons to use the participating providers and procedures to obtain services specified in the health benefits plan. For further interpretation of these terms, refer to N.J.A.C. 8:38A.

The Department promulgated rules at N.J.A.C. 8:38C-2 and 3 to implement the provisions of N.J.S.A. 26:2S-10.1 through 10.3. Among other things the rules at N.J.A.C. 8:38C-2 establish procedures and standards by which providers may submit applications to become designated hemophilia home treatment providers, and by which the Department will review such applications. In general, the application period will occur annually in the month of September, but initially, the Department provided for an application submission period of 60 days following adoption of N.J.A.C. 8:38C-2 and 3, ending February 4, 2005.

The Department received nine applications, eight of which were determined either to be incomplete and/or not in substantial compliance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 8:38C-2. In

accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:38C-2.6, the Department requested additional information from the applicants submitting incomplete applications, and applications not in substantial compliance. The Department provided the applicants 45 days from the date of the written notice in which to respond to the Department. Seven of the applicants responded. Following review of this additional information, the Department has determined that a total of six applicants should be designated as a hemophilia home treatment provider.

The following companies are designated as hemophilia home treatment providers, effective through August 31, 2008, or September 30, 2008 if a designee submits a renewal application no later than August 31, 2008, unless there is a change in the status of the designee that makes the designee ineligible for the designation at an earlier date:

1. ADIMA d/b/a BioScrip, effective as of April 12, 2005.
2. ACCREDO Health Group, Inc., effective as of June 13, 2005 (conditional approval effective from April 12, 2005 through June 12, 2005).
3. Caremark Rx, Inc., effective as of June 13, 2005 (conditional approval effective from April 12, 2005 through June 12, 2005).
4. Hemophilia Resources of America, effective as of June 13, 2005 (conditional approval effective from April 12, 2005 through June 12, 2005).
5. Pediatric Services of America, INC., effective as of June 13, 2005 (conditional approval effective from April 12, 2005 through June 12, 2005).
6. Children's Hospital Home Care, effective as of June 13, 2005 (conditional approval effective from April 12, 2005 through June 12, 2005), but for a limited service area only. The service area for Children's Hospital Home Care is set forth in the Appendix to this Bulletin.

There are several issues that carriers must keep in mind while trying to comply with the rules at N.J.A.C. 8:38C-2 and 3.

- While there is no requirement that a carrier terminate a contract with any particular health care provider solely because that health care provider is not designated as a hemophilia home treatment provider, the carrier is obligated to have one or more designated hemophilia home treatment provider available to provide services on an in-network basis for the home treatment of hemophilia, and may not refer a member to an undesignated health care provider for such services.
- Carriers must remember that they have an affirmative obligation to provide assistance to their members in obtaining services from appropriate in-network providers, and to provide benefits to members on an in-network basis in the event that the carrier refers the member to an out-of-network health care provider for services.
- No carrier may contract solely with Children's Hospital Home Care for the provisions of services for the home treatment of hemophilia unless the service area of the carrier and the service area of Children's Hospital Home Care are the same, and the carrier's enrollment is such that a single hemophilia home treatment provider is permissible. The Department is not aware of any carrier meeting these criteria at this time.

In accordance with the statutes and rules, the Department is issuing a public notice about the designated companies. However, the designation is effective as of the date of the Department's notice to the company, and carriers and the company may rely upon the letter of designation. The Department will issue subsequent bulletins as well as public notices as the status of applicants change, including changes in a service area.

State-recognized Outpatient Regional Hemophilia Treatment Centers

In addition, the Department is required by N.J.S.A. 26:2S-10.2 to designate hospitals with outpatient regional hemophilia care centers at which carriers offering health benefits plans that are managed care plans shall make payment for services provided through the clinical laboratories of such hospitals when such a carrier's member or covered person obtains services there upon the determination of the member or covered person's attending physician that use of the hospital's clinical laboratory is necessary for reasons specified at N.J.S.A. 26:2S-10.2. The requirement that carriers make payment is regardless of whether the clinical laboratory is in a carrier's network for purposes of the managed care plan. Through the promulgation of rules, the Department has determined to recognize and rely upon the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' regional hemophilia treatment center designation for the State of New Jersey as satisfying the Department's obligation to designate outpatient regional hemophilia care centers. Thus, the State-recognized outpatient regional hemophilia treatment centers may be found routinely among the list of Federally-designated hemophilia treatment centers, set forth on the Internet at

www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dastlr/hematology/htclist.htm

or

www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hdb/htc_list.htm,

or by contacting the Maternal and Child Health Bureau within the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. **The following are State-recognized outpatient regional hemophilia treatment centers:**

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Specialty Center
New Jersey Section of Hematology/Oncology
1012 Laurel Oak Road, Building 1014
Voorhees, NJ 08043
HTC ID: 152
Region III

Children's Hospital of New Jersey
Newark Beth Israel Medical Center
Valerie Fund Children's Center
201 Lyons Avenue at Osborne Terrace
Newark, NJ 07112
HTC ID: 070
Region II

Newark Beth Israel Medical Center
Adult Hematology Programs
201 Lyons Avenue
Newark, NJ 07112
HTC ID: 070
Region II

St. Michael's Medical Center
Nadeene Brunini Comprehensive Hemophilia Care Center
268 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd
Newark, NJ 07102
HTC ID: 055
Region II

UMDNJ – Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
New Jersey Regional Hemophilia Program
Division of Hematology
One Robert Wood Johnson Place
P.O. Box 2601
New Brunswick, NJ 08903-0019
HTC ID: 054
Region II

Any discrepancies in the Department's list of State-recognized outpatient regional hemophilia care centers, and Federally-designated hemophilia treatment centers shall be in favor of the Federally-designated hemophilia treatment center information.

Questions regarding this bulletin may be forwarded to Sylvia Allen-Ware, Director of the Office of Managed Care at (609) 633-0660 or by fax at (609) 633-0807 or by email at Sylvia.Allen-Ware@doh.state.nj.us.

Appendix – Children’s Hospital Home Care Service Area (within a 50-mile radius of Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia)

Atlantic	Burlington	Camden	Cumberland
08037	08004	08002	08302
08088	08010	08003	08311
08094	08011	08004	08313
08201	08015	08007	08315
08203	08016	08009	08316
08205	08019	08012	08320
08213	08022	08018	08321
08215	08036	08021	08323
08217	08037	08026	08329
08220	08041	08029	08332
08221	08042	08030	08344
08225	08046	08031	08345
08231	08048	08033	08348
08232	08052	08034	08349
08234	08053	08035	08352
08240	08054	08037	08353
08241	08055	08043	08360
08244	08057	08045	08361
08270	08060	08049	08362
08310	08064	08059	
08317	08065	08078	
08319	08068	08081	
08326	08073	08083	
08330	08075	08084	
08340	08076	08089	
08341	08077	08091	
08342	08087	08095	
08344	08088	08099	
08346	08215	08101	
08350	08224	08102	
08360	08501	08103	
08401	08505	08104	
08402	08511	08105	
08403	08515	08106	
08404	08518	08107	
08406	08533	08108	
	08554	08109	
	08562	08110	
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	08641		
	08759		
Gloucester	Hunterdon	Mercer	Middlesex
08012	08525	08501	08512
08014	08530	08512	08536
08020	08551	08520	08540
08025	08556	08525	08570
08027	08557	08530	08810
08028	08559	08534	08824
08032	08560	08540	08831

Gloucester con'd	Hunterdon con'd	Mercer con'd	Middlesex con'd
08039	08801	08541	08852
08051	08803	08542	08885
08056	08804	08543	
08061	08809	08544	
08062	08822	08550	
08063	08825	08558	
08066	08834	08560	
08071	08848	08561	
08074	08853	08601	
08080	08867	08602	
08081	08868	08603	
08085	08870	08604	
08086	08887	08605	
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08096		08609	
08097		08610	
08098		08611	
08312		08618	
08322		08619	
08328		08620	
08343		08625	
08344		08628	
08360		08629	
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Monmouth	Ocean	Salem	Somerset
08501	08527	08001	08502
08510	08533	08023	08504
08514	08733	08038	08525
08526	08759	08067	08528
08535		08069	08540
08555		08070	08553
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