

THE HEMOPHILIA ALLIANCE

Delay implementation of new policy for Hemophilia Treatment Centers

HFS announced a new reimbursement rate for Hemophilia Treatment Centers (HTCs) on September 10, which will hinder hemophilia patient access to care.

- There are 5 Hemophilia Treatment Centers in IL that specialize in providing treatment to patients with hemophilia, a rare genetic disease that requires specialized health care treatment.
- The new rate is effective this coming Monday, October 1.

It is our understanding the new reimbursement rate will not cover the cost of care provided by HTCs and will jeopardize Medicaid beneficiary access to HTCs.

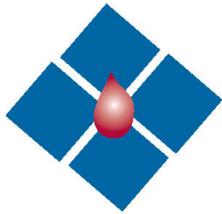
The HTCs have been meeting with the state over the last few weeks to find an adequate dispensing fee that will enable them to continue to provide life-saving therapies to hemophilia patients.

If there is no delay of this new policy, approximately 250 Medicaid hemophilia patients may have their access to factor treatment at hemophilia treatment centers (HTCs) disrupted with potentially negative consequences for the patients and the centers.

We are asking that you please reach out to HFS and request a delay in implementing the new reimbursement rate for HTCs to give them time to work with the state to find an appropriate solution. We believe there is a significant opportunity for the state and the covered entities .

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We appreciate your consideration in this important matter and would be happy to meet to discuss a Win- Win solution that maintains lifesaving clinical services for the patients and is fiscally appropriate. We have attached a brochure published by the CDC highlighting the many benefits of the comprehensive hemophilia treatment center approach to care.

Please feel free to call or write 215-439-7173 joe@hemoalliance.org

Best Regards.

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