



Notice #12-87

Dear Pharmacy Providers,

Effective for dates of service on and after November 1, 2012, the Medicaid Program of the Health Care Authority (the Agency) will no longer pay for hemophilia- and von Willebrand-related products when dispensed by a retail or specialty pharmacy.

The Agency will pay for hemophilia- and von Willebrand-related products shipped to fee-for-service clients **only** when the products are dispensed by a qualified hemophilia Center of Excellence (COE) per [WAC 182-531-1625](#). This policy applies only when Medicaid is the primary payer. If Medicaid is the secondary payer, the Agency will continue to pay for products when dispensed by a retail or specialty pharmacy.

The Agency will allow clients to receive an additional fill of hemophilia- and von Willebrand-related products in October to ensure sufficient supply during their transition to receiving products through a qualified hemophilia COE.

Note: If a client has not yet established a care relationship with a qualified hemophilia COE, but an initial appoint has been scheduled, specialty pharmacy providers may contact the Agency to request an authorization to continue to dispense product to the client. The pharmacy must call HCA's Pharmacy Authorization Section at 1-800-562-3022, extension 15486.

Clients are not required to change their primary care relationship or their current prescriber of hemophilia- and von Willebrand-related products. Clients may continue to receive their hemophilia treatment and care through the provider of their choice, as long as they establish a patient relationship with a qualified hemophilia COE (or clinic or affiliate of the COE) with at least one visit per year to coordinate care and review clinical outcomes.

Updated Medicaid Provider Guide

The Agency updated the [Prescription Drug Program Medicaid Provider Guide](#) to reflect this change, including how an organization can be a qualified hemophilia treatment COE. For details, see the "What Has Changed" table in the revised Prescription Drug Program Medicaid Provider Guide.

Thank you.
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