

# NEWS FROM HEMOPHILIA FEDERATION OF AMERICA



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## **HFA Begins Accepting Applications for Items Program**

### *Items Program Reimburses for Medically Necessary Items*

Washington, D.C. – Today, Hemophilia Federation of America's (HFA) Helping Hands Emergency Assistance Program began taking applicants for the Bleeding Disorder Items Program -- a program that Patient Services, Inc (PSI) previously managed.

Since July 2003, PSI has operated the Bleeding Disorders Items Program, which is designed to reimburse patients with bleeding disorders for durable medical equipment and items including:

- Protective Gear
- Braces and Supports
- Walking Supports
- Heating/Cooling Items
- \*Over the Counter Items
- \*Nutritional Drinks

*\*Requires physician statement of medical necessity*

PSI has transitioned the Items Program to HFA because the program no longer fits with their list of provided services. PSI will work with HFA to ensure the program continues to run smoothly. The Bleeding Disorder Items Program is made possible through donations from CVS Caremark, Specialty Therapeutic Care, and the University of California, San Francisco Adult Hemophilia Treatment Center.

If you are need of item assistance, please contact HFA at 1-800-230-9797 or fill out an online application here: <http://hemophiliafed.org/what-we-do/programs-and-services/items-program/>

### **About Hemophilia Federation of America**

Hemophilia Federation of America is a national 501(c) (3) organization consisting of more than 30 member organizations and numerous individual members who offer assistance and grassroots advocacy education on behalf of the bleeding disorders community. Incorporated in 1994, the (delete) HFA provides programs and services to improve the quality of life for persons with hemophilia, von Willebrand disease (VWD) and other rare bleeding disorders.

### **About HFA's Helping Hands Emergency Assistance Program**

HFA's Helping Hands Emergency Assistance Program is designed to establish a rapid, non-invasive source of relief for emergency situations or urgent needs to those persons who are

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affected by bleeding disorders. Each year, HFA aids hundreds of families with emergency/urgent funding to assist in crisis situations such as housing, transportation, and utility bills.

## **About Patient Services, Inc.**

PSI ([www.patientservicesinc.org](http://www.patientservicesinc.org)) is the "ground breaking" 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization of its kind. Founded in 1989 by Dana Kuhn, Ph.D., the Midlothian, Virginia based company has helped people who live with specific chronic illnesses or conditions locate suitable health insurance coverage and access ways to satisfy expensive co-payments. PSI provides assistance with the cost of health insurance premiums associated with COBRAs, State High Risk Pools, Open enrollment, Guaranteed Issue policies, HIPAA conversion policies; and prescriptions co-payments associated with private insurance as well as with Medicare Parts B and D.

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