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HFA's Reaction to the 2012 Election

Results will have Long-term Effect on the Bleeding Disorder Community

Washington, D.C. – This week, President Obama was re-elected as the 44th President of the United States; in Congress the balance of power remained the same as pre-election: Democrats in control of the Senate and the House led by Republicans. On the state level, elections were held for state legislators and Governors, along with key state ballot issues being decided.

Due to the outcome of the election, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) will now move forward with its implementation. HFA is committed to bringing the bleeding disorders community information as it becomes available and looks forward to working with all leaders, of both parties, to make sure that implementation is successful.

About the Affordable Care Act

In 2010, ACA was passed to reform our broken health care system by lowering costs and expanding access to insurance coverage. Patients in the bleeding disorder community have experienced the impact of this legislation due to numerous provisions in the law including: the elimination of insurers denying coverage to children with pre-existing conditions, insurers can not cancel coverage when people get sick, elimination of lifetime caps on coverage, and allowing young adults to stay on their parents coverage until age 26.

The Affordable Care Act afforded many more with new rights and benefits, like small businesses receiving tax credits to provide financial resources to cover the cost of health insurance premiums.

About the Healthcare Insurance Exchange Programs

States choosing to operate the health insurance exchanges must be operational by 2014. For states that will not operate an exchange or have a partnership with the federal government, will also be operational by Jan 2014.

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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, HFA provides programs and services to improve the quality of life for persons with hemophilia, von Willebrand disease (VWD) and other rare bleeding disorders.

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