

**TO:** All Members of the House of Representatives

**FROM:** Representative Lawrence H. Curry

**DATE:** January 10, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Co-sponsorship of Legislation (Former HB 620) -**The Hemophilia Standards of Care Act**

In the near future, I will be re-introducing The Hemophilia Standards of Care Act and would like you to consider cosponsoring this legislation. Last session, 118 Members of the House of Representatives cosponsored this critical piece of legislation. The Hemophilia Standards of Care Act provides standards of care for the proper healthcare treatment for persons with bleeding disorders.

Hemophilia is a hereditary, chronic, incurable bleeding disorder affecting at least 1,700 individuals in Pennsylvania. Without adequate preventive medical care, hemophilia leads to crippling orthopedic deformities, severe disability and extended hospital visits which are extremely costly. Prior to advanced scientific breakthroughs, persons with hemophilia endured frequent, lengthy admissions to the hospital for painful internal bleeding episodes. Now, most patients are able to administer highly effective intravenous blood clotting products in the home setting. This advancement in the home treatment of bleeding disorders, together with expert medical management by the seven state-recognized hemophilia programs in Pennsylvania, has enabled most persons with hemophilia to lead healthy, independent lives as productive citizens of the Commonwealth.

The Hemophilia Standards of Care Act will preserve access to the following services essential to the well being of individuals with hemophilia and von Willibrand Disease:

- Medical services provided by the 7 state-recognized hemophilia programs;
- The clinical coagulation laboratories associates with the 7 state-recognized hemophilia programs;
- All FDA-approved blood clotting products;
- Full service home care pharmacies with ancillary home nursing care; and
- Mandatory medical screenings for bleeding disorders for women prior to undergoing certain surgical procedures.

If you are interested in cosponsoring this very important and much needed legislation, please contact Nancy Porvaznik via email [nporvazn@pahouse.net](mailto:nporvazn@pahouse.net) or by phone (717) 783-1079/Ext# 6532.

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