

**Office of Primary Care and Rural Health
Assistance for People with Bleeding Disorders
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Function

The Office of Primary Care and Rural Health continues to be a resource for Utah's rural, multi-cultural, and underserved communities. The Office works with communities that need assistance in conducting needs assessments, recruiting health care professionals, identifying sources of funding, and implementing other projects related to decreasing disparity and increasing access to primary health care.

Program Description

The Assistance for People with Bleeding Disorders Program is set up to assist persons with bleeding disorders with the cost of obtaining hemophilia services or the cost of insurance premiums for coverage of hemophilia services. Utah Code Annotated, 26-47, authorizes the Assistance for People with Bleeding Disorders Program.

Key Facts

- Eligible individuals are persons with a bleeding disorder:
- a. Whose health insurance coverage either:
 - 1) Excludes coverage for hemophilia services;
 - 2) Exceeded their health insurance plan's annual maximum benefits;
 - 3) Exceeded their annual or lifetime maximum benefits payable under Title 31A, Chapter 29, Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Act; or
 - 4) Has health insurance coverage available under either private health insurance, Title 31A, Chapter 29, Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Act, Utah mini COBRA coverage under Section 31A, 22-722, or federal COBRA coverage, but the premiums for that coverage are at or greater than 7.5 percent of the person's annual adjusted gross income.
 - b. Who is low income;
 - 1) Is without health insurance, including CHIP and Medicaid, or
 - 2) Is without health insurance that covers hemophilia services, or
 - 3) Is without health insurance that covers a particular hemophilia service.

- c. Who Resides in the State of Utah.
- d. Are low income defined as including individuals at or below the 200 percent of poverty level as established annually by the Department of Health and Human Services and published annually.
- e. Eligibility means an application received from an individual, or their family member, who meets the criteria established in Utah Code Annotated, Section 26-47-103 (1)(b), and that individual's health insurance is at or greater than 7.5 percent of the individual's adjusted gross income.
- f. Target population is any individual residing in the State of Utah who has been diagnosed by a health care professional with a bleeding disorder.
- g. Underinsured are individuals with public or private insurance policies that do not cover all necessary health care services, resulting in out-of-pocket expenses that exceed their ability to pay; and/or individuals which:
 - 1) are unable to afford health insurance;
 - 2) are denied paid health care from work;
 - 3) are denied full coverage plans from work;
 - 4) have health insurance plans which only cover the worker and not the family or extended family; and/or
 - 5) have insurance plans with unreasonably high deductibles or co-insurance.
- h. Uninsured are individuals who lack public or private insurance.

Appropriation

The Utah Legislature annually appropriated \$250,000 for the Assistance for People with Bleeding Disorders Program since State Fiscal Year 2005. During the State Fiscal Year 2013 Utah Legislative session the appropriation was changed to \$175,000.

Intent Language

The Utah Legislature has annually included intent language for the Assistance for People with Bleeding Disorders Program allowing up to \$50,000 be considered non-lapsing.

ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE WITH BLEEDING DISORDERS HISTORY

	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014 estimated	Cumulative
Rural Served	11	6	9	12	8	46
Urban Served	32	54	48	45	42	221
Total Served	43	60	57	57	50	267
GOAL	50	50	50	50	50	250
Expenditures	\$172,067	\$234,502	\$201,183	\$181,423	\$180,000	\$969,175

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