

Attachment I
Southeast Region Patient Choice Policy

Patient Choice –The Southeast Region Bleeding Disorder Program made this policy to make sure you understand that you have many rights. You have the right to choose your bleeding disorder care doctors, clotting factor products (after talking with your doctor), and pharmacies. Please know that the Region Program staff does not practice medicine and does not support any single pharmacy, factor product or treatment plan.

There are several types of pharmacies. These include pharmacies run by Hemophilia Treatment Centers (HTCs), hospital pharmacies, non-profit pharmacies, and for-profit home health care agencies. These pharmacies can provide patients with clotting factor products and supplies. **HTC staff will not limit your choice; but your insurance company may limit your choice.**

Provider Choice - Patients in the Southeast Region have a right to take part in their medical care and treatment. **Patients also have a right to choose from whom they wish to buy these services.** HTCs that receive government money exist in the region. These HTCs must provide care and services that meet the clinical standards to receive federal government funds. HTCs offer a skilled team of doctors, nurses, social workers, physical therapists and others. These teams have experience in caring for people with hemophilia and other bleeding disorders. A list of federally funded HTCs may be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website [Search Directory \(cdc.gov\)](http://searchdirectory.cdc.gov).

Treatment Product Choice – The HTC doctor will talk with you about your type of bleeding disorder and bleeding history. He or she will also talk about the safety and general cost of the products available to treat your bleeding disorder. Together, you and your doctor will decide on a product and treatment plan. The HTC will tell you and your family about new products so that you can make good choices.

Delivery of Clotting Factor Products – **You are free to make your decision about which pharmacy you will use to buy your treatment product.** These choices include (but are not limited to) an HTC pharmacy, a hospital pharmacy, a non-profit pharmacy, or a commercial (for-profit) home care company. **Patients are not required to purchase their factor from the HTC.**

Patient Rights and Consumer Information - HTC staff can provide you with a copy of this document if requested.

I/we have received the above information. I/we have been given choice of a treatment center, a product, and a pharmacy/home health care agency. This form will be kept in my medical record.

Name (Printed)

Relationship to Patient

Signature

Date