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It's been a tough couple of years but we are thrilled to bring back in full in person program-

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ing and adding new programs for 2022!

Our masking policy has changed!!! NHF will follow CDC guidelines for masking at programs. When the county for the program is in Yellow or Green, masks are optional. If the county is in Red, masks will be required inside.

Proof of Vaccination or Negative Covid Test are still required for in person programming.

We have so many wonderful live events coming up in the coming months. We hope to see you at:

- ♦ Couple's Retreat—April 22-24th
- Adults with Bleeding Disorders Conference and Teen Program
  – Kearney May 21st
  - ♦ Family Camp—June 11-12th
- ⋄ Family Education Weekend– August 6-7th

Register for upcoming events today!

We CANNOT wait to see you!



# NEBRASKA CHAPTER NATIONAL HEMOPHILIA FOUNDATION

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#### **Our Mission:**

The National Hemophilia Foundation—Nebraska Chapter is dedicated to finding better treatments and cures for inheritable bleeding disorders and to preventing the complications of these disorders through education, advocacy & research.

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#### 2022 Events

NEW!! Couple's Retreat April 22- 24th

Adults with Bleeding Disorders Central Nebraska Teen Program (Kearney, NE) Saturday, May 21st

Family Camp (In person)
June 11-12th

Men's Night– Lincoln, NE June 29th

Infusion: Bloody Mary Mix Off July 17th

Family Education Weekend

August 5-7th

Unite for Bleeding Disorders Walk September 24th

> FAB Women's Conference October 14-16

> > Harvest Festival October 22



# **Updated Event and Program Guidelines**

NHF is committed to ensure the safety of our staff, volunteers, and the community we serve.

These NHF Event Guidelines are one way for us to demonstrate that commitment.

In order to attend an in person NENHF event you must show proof of vaccination or a negative Covid-19 test within 72 hours of the event (PCR or Rapid). This is for any attendee 12+.

Tests will be available at events for unvaccinated attendees if they cannot produce a negative Covid test at registration.

NENHF does not require vaccination to attend events but strongly encourages our community to be vaccinated.

#### • Stay Home When Appropriate

 Do not attend any program or event if you have tested positive for COVID-19, are waiting for test results, have any COVID-19 symptoms, of if you've had close contact with someone who has tested positive within the last 14 days.

#### Social Distancing

- Maintain social distancing with those not in your household.
- Follow the Red/Yellow/Green Stickers for personal levels of interaction.

#### Masks (UPDATED)

- NENHF's Mask Guideline will be determined by the CDC level at the time of the event.
  - If green or yellow- masks are optional.
  - If red- masks are required indoors.
- Masks must be worn over your nose and mouth if required indoors.
- Masks are not required for kids under 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing or anyone who is unconscious or unable to remove a mask without assistance..
- Masks will be made available by NENHF at all programs for adult and children.

#### · Hand Hygiene

- · Wash hands often for 20 seconds.
- Hand Sanitizer will be made available at all programs and events.



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# Washington Days NHF'S WASHINGTON DAYS. 2022 MARCH 1 - 2

Advocates from across the country gathered virtually for Washington Days at the beginning of March. While we wished we could have been in Washington for our meetings this year, we were still able to connect with the officers of Senator Fischer, Senator Sasse and Congressman Bacon to discuss issues affecting the Bleeding Disorders Community.

Representing Nebraska were Maureen Grace, Sarah Arrieta, Dale Gibbs and Ann Foster. The focus of our Washington Days asks this year were focused across continued funding for the National Institute of Health (NIH), the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in regards to supporting research and support for our HTCs. Additionally, the issue of co-pay accumulator programs has hit both locally and federally. This is an affordability and access issue for our community. We asked for support of HR 5801 to ensure that all co-pays count toward out of pocket maximum. We also asked both Senators Fischer and Sasse to consider introducing a companion bill to the Senate.

Access to affordable health care and treatment is at the heart of what we do as patient advocacy organization. We will continue to advocate on this issue on both a State and Federal level. We hope to be back in Washington DC in 2023 with Nebraska Advocates on the Hill.

Thank you to all who support our Nebraska Advocacy Efforts.

# What are Copay Accumulator Adjustor Programs and How do they Impact Patient Access?

- Many people with bleeding disorders and other chronic conditions need copay assistance programs to help them afford their high OOP costs.
- An increasing number of private health insurance plans are implementing copay accumulator adjustor programs that disallow copay assistance from counting towards a patient's deductible and OOP maximum.
- When copay assistance is not allowed, many patients cannot afford their treatments and stop taking them or reduce the prescribed dosage. This often leads to complications and has unintended consequences (i.e., increased ER visits, joint bleeds/damage, and missed days from work/school) that harm patients and increase overall costs.
- This also affects people with other expensive conditions. NHF helps lead the All Copays Count Coalition, which has 120+ members representing people with cancer, MS, HIV/AIDS, arthritis, lupus, and other rare and chronic conditions.

#### The HELP Copays Act

Plans should be required to count all copays (regardless of who pays) towards a person's OOP maximum. The Help Lower Patient Copays Act (HELP Copays Act) is a bipartisan, two-part solution that:

- Clarifies the ACA definition of cost sharing to ensure payments made "by or on behalf of" patients count towards their deductible and OOP max.
- Closes the EHB loophole to ensure that any item or service covered by a health plan is part of the EHB package so that all related cost sharing counts towards a patient's cost sharing limits.

In the House, HR 5801 was introduced by Reps. McEachin (D-VA) and Davis (R-IL). We are asking Representatives to co-sponsor the bill.

In the Senate, we are asking Senators to introduce a companion bill.

## **Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month**

Since January, when the current legislative session began, the Advocacy Committee has been busy reviewing the bills introduced that have an impact on our community. This year the legislature is working through the 60-day session, which means that there is less than one month left for bills to be heard in the designated legislative committees and voted to the floor, to kill or to let languish without any vote.

After reviewing the bills introduced, the Advocacy Committee decided to make comments on three: LB 718, LB 895, and LB 1140,

#### LB 718

This the bill that addresses the copay accumulator adjustment issue that many in our community have had to deal with. Essentially, insurance companies nationwide have tried to steer their beneficiaries into using less costly generic medications for illnesses and injuries. This can be good because most generics are as effective as name-brand medications which then helps to lower everyone's healthcare costs. To incentivize people into using these generics, insurers do not allow third party payers to help with the copays. Third party payers include family members, non-profit organizations, and pharmaceutical assistance. As we all know, medications used in the blood-clotting community are extremely expensive and have no generic equivalents. Thus, families in our community find that any copay assistance they may receive is not recognized and they face even greater costs with each dose.

The Advocacy Committee reviewed the legislation and decided to support the bill by testifying in person at a hearing of the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee on February 28, 2022. There were many other organizations and individuals also testifying in support either in-person or by written testimony and only insurance companies testified in opposition to the bill.

At the time this update was written, the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee has not held a vote on the bill.



#### LB 895

895 is one of those rare bills that are short, to the point and easy to understand. It basically doesn't allow managed care organizations (MCOs) to delay payments on claims or authorizations to perform services by a medical provider, especially when emergency care is required. Given the high costs of bleeding disorder medications, many MCOs require prior authorization of their use and this bill reduces that time period allowing for timely care in order to stop bleeds.

The Advocacy Committee provided written testimony in favor of the bill to the Health and Human Services Committee at the bill's hearing in February. At this time, the Committee has taken no action on the bill.

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# **Advocacy Update Continued**

#### LB 1140

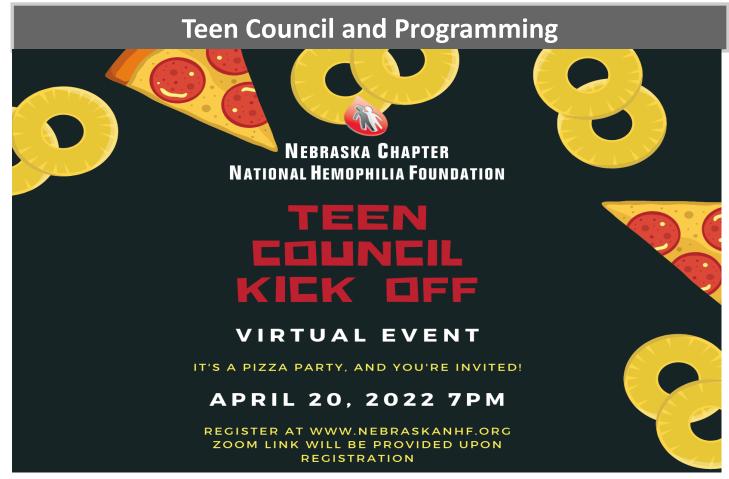
This bill affects state employees and their donations to non-profit organizations during their yearly employee campaigns. Just about all businesses of various sizes participate in campaigns to help non-profit organizations raise money from their employees during a yearly giving campaign. United Way campaigns are obviously the most known. However, the United Way charter does not include non-profit healthcare organizations like the Nebraska Chapter of the NHF. Those types of organizations that meet stringent requirements belong to Community Health Agency Drive (CHAD). Our Chapter is one of those organizations. CHAD also participates in those campaigns when invited and has participated in state campaigns in the past. But with new administrations in the recent past, CHAD was not allowed to participate and state employees who may have only this time to become informed about the Chapter and its functions won't be able to donate. LB 1140 mandates in inclusion of CHAD and other agencies in the state employee campaigns. Last year CHAD collected approximately \$11,000 in donations to our Chapter.

The Advocacy Committee submitted written testimony in support of LB 1140. The Business and Labor Committee has taken no action on the bill, as of the time of this update.

## March is Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month!

We celebrated March as Bleeding Disorders awareness month with not one, but two proclamations. Mayor Stothert of Omaha proclaimed March as Bleeding Disorder Awareness Month and Governor Pete Ricketts presented Maureen Grace, Executive Director and Dale Gibbs, Board Member and Advocacy chair with our State Proclamation for Nebraska.





We have some exciting new things planned for youth in the blood disorders community for 2022. NENHF is excited to begin the new Teen Council, launching with our first Kick Off event on April 20<sup>th.</sup> This program was developed from the ideas and suggestions that were collected from teens at the 2021 Family Education Weekend. The NENHF Teen Council is for youth ages 12 to 19 in the blood disorders community. Our mission is to provide youth with opportunities to learn leadership and life skills, as well as professional development. Teens in this program will take an active role in planning NHF teen events and programs, have opportunities to serve their community through an annual service project, and prepare for application to the National Youth Leadership Institute when eligible.

You do not need to be a member of the Teen Council to attend any upcoming teen events. Watch for these upcoming teen events:

- April 20th Virtual Teen Council Kick Off
- ♦ May 21<sup>st</sup> Teen Programming at the Adults with Bleeding Disorders Conference in Kearney Learn about the National Youth Leadership Institute
- June or July (date and location to be determined) Dinner and Escape Room

We can't wait to see you and your teen!

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## World Hemophilia Day 2022





Join us for One Family, an immersive experience on joint health in the global hemophilia community.

This **World Hemophilia Day**, connect and learn with your local community in hands-on activities that focus on four key themes:

- 1. The importance of joint health
- 2. Hemophilia care around the world
- 3. Living with severely damaged joints
- 4. Global hemophilia community support

#### When:

Thursday, April 14, 2022 06:00 PM - 07:30 PM CDT

#### Where:

Charlies On The Lake 4150 S. 144 Street Omaha, Nebraska 68137

#### **RSVP**:

Contact your local chapter today.

Maureen Grace at mgrace@hemophilia.org or (402) 499-8025

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# Couple's Retreat

APRIL 22-24, 2022 MAHONEY STATE PARK

Join us for a weekend of connection, communication, education and laughs.

Registration includes two nights lodging, food and activities. Space is limited.

Register by April 1, 2022 www.nebraskanhf.org



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#### **Nebraska Chapter Board Update**

## **Board Retreat**

On Saturday, March 26th, the Nebraska NHF board gathered for the first time in person since 2019. Kenneth McElderry, NHF and Michael King of Teams. Coach came in to facilitate and work through board recruitment, growth and putting our new strategic plan into action. It was an insightful day with a lot of forward motion. The board and staff of NENHF are ready to tackle the next three years and work hard to serve the Nebraska Bleeding Disorders Community.

Photo: Maureen Grace, Bob Dick, Joe Mickeliunas, Michael King, Sue Collin, Peter Senior, Cynthia Clark & Dale Gibbs

Not pictured: John Ashley and Zach Fischer.



# <u>Incoming Board Member-Cynthia Clark</u>



Hi! My name is Cynthia Clark. I grew up in Minnesota, but my family is originally from Guatemala. I graduated with a B.A. in Anthropology/Sociology with a focus in medical Anthropology. Most of my jobs have been in the customer service area up until my husband and I decided to open our own Window and Gutter cleaning business. I have 3 boys Felix (6), Calvin (4) and Ziggy (10 months). We keep pretty busy! I enjoy gardening, biking in the summers and reading when I get the chance. I'm excited to join the hemophilia community here in Omaha and help share awareness!

### Board & Committee Recruitment

The Nebraska Chapter of NHF is looking to expand our Advisory Board of Directors. We are currently recruiting both affected and unaffected board members. We specifically are looking for members with diverse backgrounds including those who reside in rural areas, Spanish speaking or bilingual, individuals comfortable in the rare disease space, those with financial or accounting backgrounds, community connections or a knack for fundraising. This list is not exhaustive. If you know someone who would be a good fit for our Board and Chapter, please reach out to Maureen at mgrace@hemophilia.org.

Additionally, there's always room on committees for non board members at all. If you want to get involved and help with Advocacy, Programs and Education, Fundraising and Events or more. Please reach out.

#### Strategic Plan 2022-2024

NENHF's Board has created and adopted a Strategic Plan for the years of 2022-2024. This is our vision for the Chapter moving forward the next three years. We have goals focusing on outreach, sustainability, access and growing our organization. We look forward to continuing to serve the Bleeding Disorders Community in Nebraska.

If you have interest in serving on a committee to help move any of these goals forward, we would love to have community buy in to realize these goals for our Chapter and Community.

Strategic Goal 1: Foster sustainability of the Nebraska Chapter's ability to serve the Nebraska Bleeding Disorders community by diversifying revenue.

- Increase non-industry donor giving by 15% by the end of 2024
- Increase profitability of events annually by 10%
- Create a detailed donor stewardship plan to retain and attract new donors.
- Increase number of individual donors and average size of individual gifts through a comprehensive donor engagement plan.
- Increase giving through non industry partners through grants and partnerships with foundations, corporations, and individual donors

Strategic Goal 2: Inspire and Expand our Community through increased engagement and communication.

- Expand the reach of NENHF to more diverse communities outside of the bleeding community
- Reach out to people and groups to foster inclusion, health equity and access to care.
- Recruit diverse well rounded board members
- Develop a strategic onboarding process for future board members. Increase board member accountability by adopting systems that promote understanding of board role, transparency on board member commitment, and progress toward reaching board goals.
- Expand programming to North/South Omaha, Spanish speaking populations, sickle cell and rural and out state are-
- Communication plan for program manager with community and stakeholders

Strategic Goal 3: Grow Partnerships with HTC and Health Organizations to better serve the Nebraska Bleeding Disorders Community.

- Partnering with health organizations who serve targeted communities to identify and engage affected populations with the chapter and creating or expanding programs that directly respond to the needs of these communities.
- The VWD population is underserved in Nebraska and they are a core portion of our mission base. We will do out-reach across Nebraska to providers and consumers on VWD Guidelines and treatments as well as offering targeted VWD education and support in chapter programs Implementation of an MOU Between NENHF and HTC outlining agreed partnership to serve the bleeding disorders
- community
- Working with HTC and community partners to address barriers to access and work with patients and community members on addressing these needs and how we can assist
- Disseminate information and education to up to key provider groups on symptoms and diagnosis of a bleeding disorder, how to properly manage a patient with a bleeding disorder, and additional resources available to patients and providers.

Strategic Goal 4: Increase Visibility of Organization and cement NENHF as the premier patient organization serving the Bleeding Disorders Community.

- Effective communication will cement NENHF as the premier patient organization for bleeding disorders in Nebraska. Ongoing two way communication with stakeholders will strengthen the organization, grow our educational opportunities and partnerships throughout Nebraska.
- We are unable to advocate without knowledge of the issues facing the community. It's important to stay up-to-date with what's going on and who's introducing new legislation that impacts our community. Monitoring all these issues helps to empower advocates to engage with their representatives regarding issues facing the bleeding disorders community!
- Monitor proposed changes in regulations that may impact the bleeding community and work with agencies to change existing regulations that negatively impact the community.
- Providing education to the community on legislation and regulations are created and how they may impact them.
- Working to reduce barriers to access for rural areas, at risk populations, language and financial barriers.

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#### **HANDI- NHF's Information Resource Center**

HANDI Launches New Microsite! We are excited to announce that NHF's Resource Center HANDI has launched a new microsite to coincide with Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month! The site includes many frequently asked questions (FAQs) received by HANDI. These Q & A sections, directed to individuals, caregivers, and healthcare providers, are designed to link the inheritable bleeding disorders community to the various educational resources and opportunities available through NHF. We will continue to add new FAQs to meet the evolving informational needs of our diverse inheritable bleeding disorders community. Stay tuned!

Information specialists are adept at providing the latest resources on a wide variety of bleeding disorder-related topics, including but not limited to:

- Hemophilia
- Von Willebrand disease
- Women and girls with bleeding disorders
- Rare factor deficiencies
- School issues
- Aging issues
- Financial assistance

## **BDC-Travel Grants**

Every year the Nebraska Chapter sends members of our community to NHF's Bleeding Disorders Conference. This year the meeting will be held in Houston, TX from August 25-27th. If you are interested in attending, the deadline to fill out the application is April 30th, 2022! Please keep in mind that the grant may not cover all the expenses that go along with this trip. A committee will determine who we will send and how much of the budget will go to each family or individual chosen. Preference will be given to families who have not attended the meeting before.

Each year the Nebraska Chapter will fund the following Attendees completely

Two Staff | One Board Member (and family if affected by a bleeding disorder)

The remaining number of travel grants will be awarded based up the amount the Nebraska Chapter has allotted in their yearly budget, and this amount is discussed and approved by the Advisory Board of Directors.

Travel Grants will be awarded in the following amounts: Families of 1-4 - \$1500 | Families of 5-8 - \$2500

Preference will be given to applicants who are 1st Time Attendees (those who have never attended a National Conference), to applicants who did not attend the National Conference the previous year, and who are actively involved in Nebraska Chapter activities.

Download the application at www.nebraskanhf.org due April 30, 2022

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#### **Rural Outreach and VWD**

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska (BCBSNE) has awarded the Combined Health Agencies Drive (CHAD) and its statewide umbrella of 23 health care agencies the company's Health of Nebraska Sponsorship, which is dedicated to supporting programs and services for Nebraskans affected by a medical diagnosis.

For more than 80 years, BCBSNE has offered security and stability to its members faced with medical expenses. Through its Health of Nebraska initiative, BCBSNE seeks to support programs that address social determinants of health and health equity, BCBSNE's sponsorship will directly benefit the missions of the various CHAD organizations, helping them to continue to offer meaningful, vital programming for communities across the state.

"Our goal with community funding is to cultivate lasting relationships and give back to our communities in ways that directly advocate for the health of Nebraskans," said Kathy Nellor, health transformation leader at BCBSNE. "Nebraskans count on support from all CHAD member agencies, and it is a privilege to help them help others for the second year in a row."

In 2020, CHAD's 23 member agencies collectively assisted more than 37,133 Nebraskans with professional care or resources, ensured access to specialized or long-term support for over 9,625 patients and invested approximately \$518 million in medical research alongside their national affiliates. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, CHAD and its member agencies have continued to find impactful, innovative alternatives to get and stay connected to the people they help across the state.

CHAD is a local organization raising funds with and for Nebraska's health agencies across Nebraska since 1972.

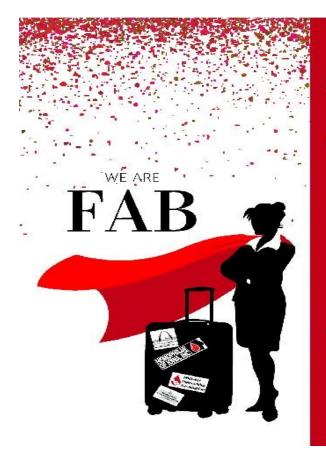
"As we approach our 50th year serving Nebraska, CHAD is so pleased to have an outstanding community leader like BCBSNE to work with on what matters to the constituents of our health agencies across the state. March of Dimes, American Lung Association, JDRF and so many more are going to have the funding to support Nebraskans with new or expanded programming," said Michelle Grossman, president and chief executive officer of CHAD. "We sincerely thank BCBSNE for investing in the health and well-being of all Nebraskans."

Nebraska NHF received a grant through CHAD and BCBS focused on rural outreach and VWD Guide-line distribution to providers. We are working to host educational outreach dinners across the State of Nebraska while hosting community connection dinners. If you are interested in having a program in your area, please let us know. We are excited to get more bleeding disorders awareness and VWD treatment and diagnostic guidelines out to all Nebraskans. We would like thank CHAD and BCBS for their support in these endeavors.





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#### FAB Conference Regional Women's Retreat

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#### FINANCIAL AID

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The Financial Assistance program is part of NENHF's continuing effort to improve the quality of life of individuals and families affected by bleeding disorders by providing financial support. Families can request up to \$500 per year of support.

Example eligible expenses include, but are not limited to, the following:

Expenses incurred in the care, treatment, or prevention of a bleeding disorder

Transportation services to medical appointments and HTCs

Medical supplies not covered by insurance

Basic living expense emergencies (rent, mortgage, utilities, food, etc.)

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