



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: Hemophilia and other bleeding disorders are devastating health conditions that can cause serious financial, social, and emotional hardships for patients and their families; and

WHEREAS: Hemophilia and other bleeding disorders are currently incurable, so appropriate lifetime care and treatment are necessities for maintaining optimum health; and

WHEREAS: It is acknowledged that advancements in drug therapies are allowing individuals with blood disorders greater latitude in managing their conditions, fostering independence, and minimizing chronic complications, and as a result, individuals are living longer, healthier, and more productive, lives, it is also acknowledged that the rarity of these disorders coupled with the delicate processes of producing clotting factor concentrates makes treating these disorders extremely costly.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That a Hemophilia Study Panel shall be appointed to study and make a written report, which shall be publicly available, by June 30, 2010, which shall provide recommendations to the Governor and to the House and Senate Health and Human Service Committees on the following:

1. an overview of the prevalence of hemophilia and bleeding disorders with explanatory information on how such diseases affect persons so diagnosed;
2. proposed legislative or administrative changes to policies and programs that are integral to the health and wellness of individuals with hemophilia and other bleeding disorders, including issues surrounding insurance;
3. a review and comparison of guidelines for care used in other states with those in Georgia, with recommendations for changes;
4. recommendations on community-based initiatives to increase awareness of care and treatment for persons living with hemophilia and other bleeding disorders; and
5. review and recommendations on improved coordination of public and private support networking systems.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Hemophilia Study Panel be appointed by the Governor for Terms of service to begin October 1, 2009, and to end December 31, 2010, at which time a report should be ready for presentation to the Governor and the Health and Human Services Committees of the Georgia General Assembly. Appointees shall serve without compensation and shall include the following:

1. The Director of the Division of Public Health or a designee;
2. A member who is a board certified physician;
3. One member who is a registered nurse;
4. One member who is a social worker;
5. One member who works with a hemophilia center or a non-profit organization working with persons with bleeding disorders;
6. One member who is knowledgeable about the insurance industry;
7. One member who has a bleeding disorder or is the caregiver of a person with a bleeding disorder;
8. One member who represents a hospital;
9. A representative of the Office of Planning and Budget;
10. One member who serves on the House Health and Human Services Committee; and
11. One member who serves on the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Study Panel shall convene within three months of this Executive Order by call of the Director of the Division of Public Health. The Study Panel shall thereafter select a chairperson and committees as it deems appropriate in order to accomplish the goals set forth in this document.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Hemophilia Study Panel be disbanded on June 30, 2010.

This 29 day of July, 2009.



GOVERNOR