

BLEEDING DISORDERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA



SUPPORT THE SOUTH CAROLINA HEMOPHILIA ASSISTANCE PLAN (HAP)

The purpose of this state-funded program is the purchase of blood products for persons with hemophilia or other congenital blood clotting disorders.

BDASC urges continued funding and support for the HAP program, to help patients who have no other place to turn for assistance, in order that consistent, uninterrupted healthcare access is guaranteed. The HAP program saves money for the state and diminishes the threat of future costs by keeping people healthier, more likely to gain and maintain employment, and less reliant on other government safety nets.

- State-funded program in the Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC)
- Established to assist state residents with bleeding disorders by offering insurance case management and financial assistance for private health insurance premiums and co-pay assistance (for plans purchased through the South Carolina marketplace).
- DHEC uses state funds to help eligible persons become enrolled in a marketplace insurance plan. The HAP program covers comprehensive as well as preventative healthcare services relevant to bleeding disorders.
- Must have income at or below 250% of the federal poverty level (FPL), ineligible for Medicaid or Medicare, non-insured, U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, SC resident, and not eligible for insurance under any other plan.
- Is vital to the health and livelihood of people with bleeding disorders, ensuring they continue to have access to life-saving clotting factor medications. Currently, there are 14 enrollees in the program.

What is the annual income for an individual at 250% (FPL)?

Answer: \$36,450 for an individual and \$75,000 for a family of four, according to the 2023 Federal Department of Health and Human Services.