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ACTION REQUIRED

Beriner[®] 1500IU Supply
Customer Letter # 2019-02

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Dear Colleagues:

We have been informed by CSL Behring that demand for Beriner[®] has increased significantly in December and January, compared to previous months. There are likely several reasons for this increase in demand; however, as this is unexpected, CSL Behring's current supply is not sufficient to meet this increased demand.

To ensure access and continuity of supply for all patients treated with Beriner[®], CSL Behring requests your assistance to limit, temporarily, the dispensing of Beriner[®] 1500IU vial size for patients' treatment to no more than a one month's supply at a time.

As it takes several months to produce Beriner[®], and with no indication that the recently observed increase in demand will subside, CSL Behring expects the situation will only be resolved in the second half of 2019. Please refer to attached letter from CSL Behring for further details.

We understand and regret that these temporary measures, proposed by CSL Behring, may cause pressures on patients and clinics. We ask for your understanding and for your support until the situation is resolved.

Please share a copy of this customer letter with healthcare professionals at your hospital who might be interested in this information.

This customer letter can also be viewed at www.blood.ca in the "Hospitals Services" section. If you have questions or comments about this letter, or if you require it in an accessible format, please contact your local hospital liaison specialist.

Sincerely,

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