Background:
Canadian Blood Services recently carried out a Request For Proposal (RFP) process for plasma products, recombinant Factor VIII (rFVIII) and contract fractionation. Patient and physician stakeholder groups were included on a Selection Advisory Committee (SAC) that assessed the bids from the vendors and made recommendations to Canadian Blood Services. The Canadian Hemophilia Society and the Association of Hemophilia Clinic Directors of Canada were represented on the SAC.

One of the outcomes of the RFP was the recommendation by the SAC to include CSL Behring’s Helixate® FS in the group of rFVIII products distributed by Canadian Blood Services (in addition to Bayer’s Kogenate® FS and Baxter’s ADVATE®).

The supply mix of Bayer’s Kogenate® FS and CSL Behring’s Helixate® FS will be approximately 90% Bayer’s Kogenate® FS and 10% CSL Behring’s Helixate® FS. Helixate® FS will be distributed to clinics identified by the Canadian Hemophilia Society and the Association of Hemophilia Clinic Directors of Canada.

Helixate® FS will be offered in three different vial sizes:
- Helixate® FS 250 IU
- Helixate® FS 500 IU
- Helixate® FS 1000 IU

Availability of Helixate®

Helixate® FS is expected to be available from Canadian Blood Services Sites by mid-summer 2008. An additional Customer Letter with more detailed information about Helixate® FS and a listing of participating hemophilia clinics will be issued at that time.

Healthcare providers should contact their local Canadian Blood Services Site to ensure product availability before ordering.
The Plasma Protein Order Form, which is used by hospital customers to order plasma protein products, will be revised to reflect the addition of Helixate® FS. Until the revised form is available, orders for Helixate® FS may be written on the form in the comments section using the following CBS Codes:

- Helixate® FS 250 IU: CBS code 1000104790
- Helixate® FS 500 IU: CBS code A080500AV
- Helixate® FS 1000 IU: CBS code A081000AV

If you have any questions about Helixate® FS, please contact CSL Behring at 1-866-773-7721 extension 213.

This Customer Letter and the enclosures can also be viewed at www.blood.ca in the “Hospitals” section.

If you have questions about this Customer Letter, please contact Canadian Blood Services Plasma Products and Services at 613 739-2392.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

for Ms. Sue Smith
Executive Director
OneMatch Stem Cell and Marrow Network and Plasma Products & Services