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To Whom It May Concern:

During the last year plus since Anthem BCBS stopped in-network coverage of my specialty home care pharmacy at the time, I have been sick more often, unable to walk and work to support myself and my family, and unable to afford the prescriptions that would help me. My quality of care and life has diminished significantly,

Previously with last homecare pharmacy, I received additional prescriptions in addition to my life-saving factor. Under Anthem's new plan these prescriptions were no longer provided in the same manner. I maxed out my prescription plan within 3 months and have been unable to afford the prescriptions that I need to function in my daily life. These prescriptions included meds for HIV, arthritis, and pain relievers.

Anthem BCBS stated these changes were necessary to cut costs and save their company money; however, I have gone from infusing every other day to infusing almost every day – an obvious substantial increase in the cost of factor vs. a few prescriptions. On top of their packaging process which alone must cost hundreds of thousands of dollars a year and at huge price to our environment as well. In addition, no one at my current specialty pharmacy (that I have been told I have to use) has a clue about hemophilia, treatment, or the processing of factor. Just this past month I received my monthly shipment, a day late and 500 units shy PER infusion. I called my home care pharmacy (Precision Rx, who I now have to use) to find out if more factor was on its way, the pharmacist on call was not sure and did not know anything about my shipment. He told me he would make a phone call and get back to me. Later that day he returned my call only to tell me he spoke with the head pharmacist and they felt ! would be ok. I have to infuse almost every day and 500 units shy per infusion is not ok. My doctor was outraged, but unfortunately, I have no other options. So its my health that is now suffering because I have to use an unqualified homecare pharmacy.

My last homecare pharmacy was founded by a hemophiliac who made it his life's work to improve the lives and care available to other hemophiliacs. It showed – and it worked! While under their care some of my issues, such as, range of motion were actually improving. This Company went far above the call of duty, more then once they had staff members drive factor to my house the same day when I was having bad bleeds. It is my sincere wish that you do whatever is in your power to help me get access to a qualified homecare pharmacy again so that I may regain the quality of life I once had. A hemophiliac's life is hard enough – situations like this only make it harder.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

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