



Canadian Hemophilia Society
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**THE CANADIAN HEMOPHILIA SOCIETY PLEASSED TO LEARN THAT
SASKATCHEWAN WILL INDEX MULTI-PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS**

Montreal – May 9, 2007 – The Canadian Hemophilia Society (CHS) is pleased to learn that the Government of Saskatchewan has agreed to index those benefits individuals in that province receive as part of the Multi-provincial/territorial Assistance Program (MPTAP) to the cost of living.

“Eight people in Saskatchewan who were infected with HIV through the blood supply, and their loved ones, have gained a greater sense of security now that their government has done the right thing and indexed MPTAP”, said John Plater, Chairperson of the CHS’ Hepatitis C and HIV Task Force.

“With this announcement from Saskatchewan, we can now safely say that the majority of Canadians living with HIV contracted through tainted blood will be benefiting from MPTAP Indexation”, said Eric Stolte, President of the CHS. “It is hoped that those provinces that have yet to index MPTAP (New Brunswick, Québec, Alberta, and British Columbia) will soon follow”.

The Canadian Hemophilia Society has been involved in efforts to fight for just compensation for injuries suffered by recipients of tainted blood since the mid-1980s.

Profile of the CHS

The Canadian Hemophilia Society is a non-profit organization, striving since 1953 to improve the health and quality of life for all people with inherited bleeding disorders, and to find a cure. To find out more about hemophilia and other bleeding disorders, visit the CHS Web site, www.hemophilia.ca, or call toll-free: 1 800 668-2686.

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