

RICKY RAY HEMOPHILIA RELIEF FUND

PETITION INSTRUCTIONS

The U.S. Congress enacted the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act in 1998 (the Act) to make compassionate payments of \$100,000 to certain individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who were treated with antihemophilic factor between July 1, 1982, and December 31, 1987, and contracted HIV. Such individuals must have been treated with the antihemophilic factor in any State of the United States of America, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, commonwealths and possessions, or at any diplomatic area or military installation of the United States. Husbands and wives who contracted HIV from those individuals; children who acquired HIV from their mothers during pregnancy, delivery, or breast feeding; and certain surviving family members may also be eligible for payments.

- A. Complete the relevant sections of the petition. **All petitioners must complete Section A**, which requests information regarding the individual with the blood-clotting disorder and HIV. *All information you supply will be kept strictly confidential in accordance with the Privacy Act, and will be used solely to determine your eligibility to receive payments under the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act.* For more information, consult the Notification of New System of Records, 64 Fed. Reg. 69,274 (Dec. 10, 1999).
- B. Consult the Documentation Checklist for the category that best describes you. Then provide the required medical and legal documentation listed with your category to support your petition. This documentation must be submitted before your petition may be approved for payment.
- C. Send your completed petition package to:

**The Ricky Ray Program Office
Bureau of Health Professions
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 8A-54
Rockville, MD 20857**

All petitions must be postmarked or accompanied by a receipt from a commercial carrier or the U.S. Postal Service no sooner than July 31, 2000 and no later than November 13, 2001. Petitions postmarked before July 31, 2000 or after November 13, 2001 will be returned unopened.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL PETITIONERS

1. A separate petition must be submitted for each HIV-infected person who is eligible for payment (the individual with a blood-clotting disorder, the lawful spouse, the former lawful spouse or the child).
2. If you qualify for multiple payments (e.g., you are an eligible, HIV-infected person and you are a survivor of another HIV-infected person; you are a survivor of two HIV-infected persons), you must submit a separate petition for each claim.

(General Instructions continued, next page)

If you have any questions, go to the Ricky Ray web-site, www.hrsa.gov/bhpr/rickyray, or call the toll-free number, 1-888-496-0338.