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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR
ECTODERMAL DYSPLASIAS

Dear Care Provider,

The National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias (NFED) maintains a Treatment Assistance Program (TAP) to provide financial assistance for qualifying individuals affected by an ectodermal dysplasia. In order to apply, prospective applicants must complete an application form with the required supporting documents.

Applications for dental care must include:

- ✓ A diagnosis statement from a medical physician on letterhead.
- ✓ A diagnostic workup and treatment plan.
- ✓ A narrative treatment plan that includes: all treatments, anticipated time frames, and fee summary. When care includes extractions, crowns, implants or other tooth-specific treatment, please indicate tooth number(s). Two treatment options are to be submitted when the individual is applying for complex dental treatment which may include dental implants.
- ✓ The attending dentist's Statement.
- ✓ A completed W-9 from the dental provider

Financial assistance from the NFED is limited. Consequently, when estimated treatment costs for care exceed a family's ability to pay, even with insurance benefits and/or Foundation assistance, the dentist must provide an alternative, less expensive option that will provide an acceptable level of care.

In cases involving medical/dental surgery (other than dental implants), an itemized summary of expected cost is required.

If concerns about your plan(s) arise, a member of the NFED's TAP Review Committee may contact you for clarification. In recent years, we have been inundated with costly plans for which less expensive and equally effective treatment is available. Our funds are limited, and we are doing our best to make them stretch as far as possible. We are counting on you to help us do that.

Applications that are incomplete will not be considered for funding. Hence, your cooperation and assistance is imperative. **We ask that the complete application be submitted all together in one packet.**

Care providers will be informed of decisions after the committee has met. Payments for approved applications will be sent following the receipt of billing information and completion of treatment and/or service. Payment will be sent directly to the care provider. The NFED's TAP Review Committee encourages the development of treatment plans that reflect quality, cost-effective, functional alternatives. It is not the intent of the committee to limit treatment options. However, it is the committee's responsibility to allocate its resources to help the most individuals.

The committee further encourages providers to communicate to their patients the complete cost of each option and to plan with them on how the individual will pay the uninsured and unfunded portions of the plan.

Should you have any questions, please direct them to Kelley Atchison at 618-566-6873 or kelly@nfed.org.

Sincerely,

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