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Organizational Funds for Member Support Policy

- 1. The BDANENY Member support is set up to provide assistance to help a family though a specific financial emergency.
- 2. Member support shall be available to members of the Bleeding Disorders Association of Northeastern New York, Inc. (BDANENY) who meet the criteria as established by the Board of Directors.
- 3. Individuals requesting member support shall complete the *Application for Member Support* and submit to the organization.
- 4. The treasurer shall review the application and the organization's financial resources to determine if financial support is available.
- 5. Member support is intended for, but not limited to:
 - Expenses incurred in the care, treatment, or prevention of a bleeding disorder;
 - Medications and Medical expenses not fully covered by insurance;
 - Basic Living expense emergencies (rent, mortgage, utilities, etc.)
- 6. The organization shall award member support in an amount not to exceed \$500.00. **Outside funding and other support should be encouraged.**
- 7. Members may not receive member support more than once in a six-month period. Members living in the same household are eligible for one financial award per household per sixmonth period.
- 8. Members living in the same household may not receive more than \$750 in member support in a 12-month period.

The Bleeding Disorders Association of NENY, Inc. is a non-profit (501c3) organization dedicated to the voluntary service of persons with hemophilia, von Willebrand disease (vWD) and/or other genetic bleeding disorders.

- 9. The Board of Directors reserves the right to request additional pertinent information before making a decision on a submitted *Application for Member Support*.
- 10. Member support shall be granted with 2/3 vote of the full board or if unavailable 3/4 vote of the executive board.
- 11. Motions and voting results made by the board of directors or the executive board between meetings will be recorded in the meeting minutes at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.
- 12. Applicants should submit proof of need (this can be a bill, a current statement and/or receipts, etc.) and the amount they are requesting.
- 13. The organization reserves the right to deny requests or to provide assistance less than the amount requested at the discretion of the board.
- 14. When possible the member support disbursement will be made directly to the creditor identified in the application.

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