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Effective 1st April 2017, Michigan Blood will no longer be supplying jumbo plasma units. As such, MMC will revert to carrying only single plasma units once our existing inventory of jumbos has been depleted. This change in procurement should not affect overall product availability to meet your transfusion needs. The use of single plasma units will give rise to two immediate benefits to our patients. MMC blood bank will be able to reduce the response time to provide plasma given the reduction in time required to thaw single units. Secondly, patients will receive the adequate amount of plasma as determined by the provider while eliminating potential waste often associated with the 3 units supplied in the jumbos when only 1 or 2 units are needed.

Our goal is to continue to partner with you, maintain our quality and be more proficient with the effective administration of utilization of blood products.

We appreciate your support and are available to address any questions or potential concerns you may have leading up to our April 1st transition. Please feel free to contact the blood bank for further questions or you can reach me directly at 2-7139 or via email at wkanner@mhc.net.