



**To:** Transfusion Services Managers  
**From:** Hospital Relations  
**Date:** March 31, 2023  
**Re:** Special Collections

### **Background**

Carter BloodCare has historically offered special collections where friends and family could donate blood for a specific individual (directed). Due to advancements in testing capabilities, the community blood supply can meet most of the patient transfusion needs; therefore, eliminating the necessity for these special collections. As of April 14<sup>th</sup>, we will no longer *accept requests* for directed donations. Understanding that these donations are scheduled in advance, we will continue to collect directed donations until April 28<sup>th</sup>.

There are unique circumstances where the available banked blood may not be available to meet complex compatibility needs of certain patients. In these situations, Carter BloodCare's physicians will work with the treating physician to make arrangements.

Other programs such as therapeutic phlebotomy, and the testosterone replacement and hereditary hemochromatosis therapy programs remain unchanged.

### **Impact to Clients**

- Service Manual Section 8.0 updates to remove reference to the directed donation program will take place May 5, 2023.
- Archive any directed donation forms in use after this time.

### **Client Action Required**

- Update any associated procedures.

### **Questions and Additional Information:**

Your understanding has been sincerely appreciated.

Please contact [hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org](mailto:hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org) with any concerns.