



**Human Rabies Immune Globulin and Human Rabies Vaccine
Manufacturer and Distributor Contact Information
for Health Care Professionals**

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Human health care providers and pharmacists may order human rabies biologicals from a distributor or vendor of their choice. These companies require accounts to be established prior to any purchase.

Typically, rabies biologicals can be shipped “next day” during the work week. Additional costs may be incurred for emergency shipments on weekends and holidays.

1. **Grifols Bioscience** (formerly Talecris Biotherapeutics) – **HyperRAB™ S/D** (Human Rabies Immune Globulin – HRIG); 2 and 10 ml vials. This product is used for patients who require the complete POST-exposure rabies vaccination series. Human rabies vaccine must be obtained from another source.

a. Grifols Technical Support **(800) 520-2807**

http://www.grifols.com/portal/en/US/products/ctnt/s9_1/_/_/7gnq/348182.html

b. Grifols Hypermunes™ Distributors:

i. ASD Healthcare, Frisco, TX - (800) 746-6273

ii. BDI Pharma Inc., Columbia, SC – (800) 948-9834

iii. Cardinal Health Specialty Pharmacy Division (SPD), Lavergne, TN – (866) 476-1340

iv. FFF Enterprises, Temecula, CA: (800) 843-7477

v. McKesson Plasma & Biologics, Lavergne, TN – (877) 625-2566

vi. Novis Pharmaceuticals, Miami, FL – (800) 727-6711

If the provider does not already have an account with a Grifols distributor, s/he will have to establish one. Health care providers are financially responsible for orders placed with distributors.

2. **Novartis- RabAvert®** vaccine (Purified Chick Embryo Cell Culture – PCEC) - can be used for PRE and POST exposure human rabies vaccinations); 1 cc vials (one dose per vial). Human rabies immune globulin must be obtained from another source, when patients need the complete postexposure rabies vaccination series.

a. Novartis Customer Service: (800) 244-7668

b. Novartis Distributors that operate in Texas:

i. AmeriSource Bergen Corporation

1. Dallas – (800) 442-9619

2. Houston – (800) 392-3567
http://www.amerisourcebergen.com/abc/PDFs/Contacting_AmerisourceBergen.pdf
 - ii. ASD Healthcare - (800) 746-6273
 - iii. Cardinal Health – (800) 964-5227
 - iv. FFF Enterprises: (800) 843-7477
 - v. McKesson Medical Surgical – (800) 950-9229

If the provider does not already have an account with Novartis or with one of their distributors, they will have to establish one. Health care providers are financially responsible for orders placed with Novartis or their distributors.

Novartis' Patient Assistance Program (post exposure use only): (800) 589-0837. Complete instructions are located at:

<https://www.rxhope.com/PAP/info/PAPList.aspx?programid=1477&fieldType=programid>

An application may be downloaded from: <https://www.rxhope.com/PAP/pdf/chiron.pdf> The completed application is faxed to the number at the top of the form. Providers should call RabAvert Patient Assistance Program (PAP) directly at (800) 589-0837 to let them know they have faxed in an application. A PAP representative will approve or deny the application within 24 hours. Product will be shipped to the ordering provider overnight if the application is approved.

To qualify, patients:

- a. must be a United States citizen,
- b. have no medical insurance, and
- c. demonstrate financial need, which is determined by considering income, current medical expenses, and other factors. There is not a way to determine in advance whether or not the patient will qualify.

Note: Novartis does not produce HRIG, so the provider will need to obtain the HRIG from the Sanofi Pasteur Patient Assistance Program (see below).

3. **Sanofi Pasteur** –

- a. **Imogam® Rabies – HT** (Human Rabies Immune Globulin - HRIG); 2 and 10 ml vials. This product is used for patients who require the complete POST-exposure rabies vaccination series.
- b. **Imovax® Rabies** vaccine (Human Diploid Cell Vaccine – HDCV) (can be used for PRE and POST exposure human rabies vaccinations); 1 cc vials (one dose per vial)

(800) VACCINE = (800/ 822-2463) or, for United States health care professionals only, go to **VaccineShopper.com** (<https://www.vaccineshoppe.com/index.cfm?fa=anon.piexpress>).

If the provider does not already have an account with Sanofi Pasteur, they will have to establish one. Health care providers are financially responsible for orders placed with Sanofi Pasteur.

Sanofi Pasteur Patient Assistance Program (PAP) (postexposure use only): The provider should call the automated phone system (866) 801-5655 to receive faxed instructions and an application for rabies biologicals. The provider should fill out the "Vaccine Information" portion of the application. The completed application is all that needs to be faxed to Sanofi Pasteur. No financial or other documentation is required to be submitted. Both HRIG and rabies vaccine can be requested using the same form. The provider will not need to establish an account with Sanofi Pasteur to apply for this Program. The provider will incur no costs.

To qualify, patients:

- a. must be a resident of the United States,
- b. be under the care of a licensed healthcare provider,
- c. cannot be enrolled in, or qualify for, any form of medication reimbursement program or private insurance plan, and
- d. must have income at or below the 200% federal poverty level for their household size.

Sanofi will generally ship the order to the medical provider within 24 hours of receipt of the application.