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Welcome to *The Pulse*, a quarterly update from the  
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## What's New?

### HealthWell Partners with Revolution Health

HealthWell is pleased to partner with [Revolution Health](#), a new health care website started by AOL co-founder Steve Case. Revolution Health helps individuals take action to manage their health care, conditions and healthy living goals by bringing together a blend of the best health information, tools, communities and services all in one place. Through alliances with America's leading non-profits, RevolutionHealth.com provides community tools and an online platform to help highlight important health topics, including the HealthWell Foundation's efforts to reduce financial barriers to care for America's underinsured. Visit <http://www.revolutionhealth.com/> to learn more today.

### HealthWell Welcomes New Board Members

HealthWell is excited to announce the addition of Suzanne M. Miller, Ph.D. and Don Liss, M.D. to its Board of Directors. Dr. Suzanne M. Miller is a Senior Member, Division of Population Science, at Fox Chase Comprehensive Cancer Center in Philadelphia. Dr. Don Liss is board certified in Internal Medicine and serves as Aetna's Regional Medical Director for the mid-Atlantic Region. [More...](#)

### HealthWell in the News

The HealthWell Foundation continues to be featured in media across the country. Here are a few of the latest highlights:

Sarasota Herald-Tribune - An underinsured family in Sarasota, Florida, talks about the help they've received from their community and from HealthWell ("[Family Grateful for Assistance](#)," 06/04/08)

Kansas City Star - The HealthWell Foundation is profiled as a resource for lowering the out-of-pocket health care costs for underinsured patients ("[Copayment Foundation Helps Patients Cope with Treatment Costs](#)," 05/22/08)

### Tips and Tricks

To help us serve you better, here are a few friendly tips:

Did you know? One of the fastest ways to expedite your application is to apply online. Please note that each disease fund has its own application so please be sure to select the correct one when applying. [Apply now.](#)



## Donate Now

### HealthWell Making a Difference

At times I see patients sit at my desk and cry because they are so worried about the balance of their account, knowing in order to complete treatment they need to address this balance. It is such a comforting feeling to talk to them about HealthWell. When the award letters come in our patients are thrilled, as if they won the lottery! These patients are facing very debilitating times and it is wonderful to give them a chance to breathe a little and not worry about the money. There are so many patients today that stop treatment because the resources are not there for them. Sad but true. HealthWell gives me a way to give the patients some dignity without feeling like a charity case. I am very grateful for this organization. HealthWell and the ones who donate have no idea what they give to our patients. It is hope! And cancer patients need all we can give them!

- Patient Financial Counselor



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### Fund Update

We are happy to report that all of our disease funds currently are open. Visit [www.healthwellfoundation.org](http://www.healthwellfoundation.org) to learn more about the disease areas we cover or to [apply online](#).

## How You Can Support Our Work

**Spotlight on Secondary Hyperparathyroidism**  
Secondary Hyperparathyroidism (SHPT) is a functional disorder of all of the four parathyroid glands due to a serious chronic kidney insufficiency. The parathyroids are glands in the neck that produce parathyroid hormone (PTH) to help control calcium metabolism. Excessive production of this hormone caused by increased activity of these glands is known as hyperparathyroidism. When this occurs in response to low blood calcium caused by another condition, the condition is called secondary hyperparathyroidism.

The HealthWell Foundation provides copayment assistance to SHPT patients for medications that are used to control their Vitamin D, calcium and phosphorus levels. The Foundation also assists SHPT patients with their health insurance premium payments. To date, HealthWell has assisted over 6,600 SHPT patients in need of financial assistance. As demand for assistance increases so does the need for support. Help SHPT patients access the care they need by donating to our SHPT fund today!

### Shop & Search Online

HealthWell earns money every time you shop or search online when you use GoodSearch.com as your search engine and online shopping mall. Shop at your favorite stores and GoodSearch will donate up to 37% of every purchase to the HealthWell Foundation. To start searching or shopping, visit [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) or [www.goodshop.com](http://www.goodshop.com) and enter the HealthWell Foundation as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word!

### Share Your Story

If HealthWell has made a positive difference in your life, we want to hear from you! We invite you to share your HealthWell story by emailing us at [support@healthwellfoundation.org](mailto:support@healthwellfoundation.org) [please indicate if we have your permission to share your story with others anonymously].

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I would like to thank your foundation from the bottom of our hearts. My husband has psoriatic arthritis and we could not afford the high cost of the medicine. The HealthWell Foundation has given us this wonderful opportunity to be able to have the meds he desperately needs. Thanks for making our life so much better.

-Robin, Johnstown, NY

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to your organization for the wonderful monetary help given to me at a time of need. Without your help I would never have been able to afford the treatment for my Macular Degeneration. Thanks to you I will still be able to enjoy all the things that people with normal sight do. At least a lot longer than I thought I would. I hope that soon I may be able to make a small donation to help someone else, who find themselves in the same financial situation I am in. Once again THANK YOU for prolonging my sight.

- Thomas, Venice, FL

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