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Organ Transplants

Transplants (other than bone marrow and stem cell) must be performed in a hospital that is a Medicare approved transplant center for that procedure. These transplants must be prior authorized by the fiscal intermediary's Prior Authorization (PA) Unit before the performance of the surgery. This policy applies to **all Louisiana Medicaid** enrolled hospitals including out-of-state hospitals and hospitals located in the trade area performing organ transplants.

When the beneficiary has other private insurance and has received approval for the transplant by that company, prior authorization is required by Louisiana Medicaid as a second insurer only.

NOTE: PA is **not** required if the beneficiary has both Medicare and Medicaid and the transplant is covered and reimbursed by Medicare as primary.

Post authorization is required for any Louisiana Medicaid beneficiary granted retroactive eligibility.

The Prior Authorization Request for Transplant (TP-01 FORM), rather than the Request for Prior Authorization (PA-01 Form), must be used by all hospital transplant coordinators when requesting approval for transplant procedures. The completed form, along with supporting documentation warranting medical necessity, must be attached and sent to the fiscal intermediary's PA Unit. (See Appendix B for information on accessing the TP – 01 FORM).

Once the transplant is approved, the hospital and beneficiary will receive written notification. The hospital must:

1. Attach a copy of the approval letter to their Request for Hospital Pre-Admission Certification and Length of Stay (LOS) Assignment /Precertification Form (PCF) 01 form when requesting precertification for the inpatient admission; and
2. Make a copy of the approval letter for other providers as **all providers involved in the transplant** must have a copy of the approval letter to attach with the dated operative report to each claim submitted for payment.

NOTE: See Appendix B for information on accessing the PCF 01 form.

Billing Reminders

When a Louisiana Medicaid beneficiary receives an organ transplant, all charges incurred in the transplant are to be billed under the Medicaid beneficiary's name and Medicaid ID number. This includes all procedures involved in the harvest of the organ from the donor. Donor search costs are included in the beneficiary's inpatient bill and will not be paid on an outpatient basis.

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NOTE: Medicaid does not pay for harvesting of organs when a Louisiana Medicaid beneficiary is the donor of an organ to a non-Medicaid beneficiary.

When billing, it is necessary to submit the claim hard copy and attach a copy of the authorization letter and appropriate documentation, which includes a dated operative report. If appropriate documentation is not attached, the claim will be denied with error code 078 (Resubmit claim with operative/pathology/history/picture to establish medical necessity).