



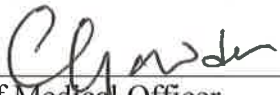
KERN HEALTH SYSTEMS

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POLICY AND PROCEDURES					
SUBJECT: Major Organ Transplant			POLICY #: 3.02-P		
DEPARTMENT: Health Services – Utilization Management					
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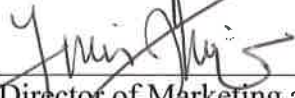
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Date 1/7/15



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POLICY¹:

Coverage for major organ transplants differs according to member's Plan.

Transplants qualifying as a CCS eligible condition are referred to and provided by the CCS Program.

Under the Medi-Cal Product, major organ transplant procedures are not covered with the exception of kidney transplants.² Kern Health Systems (KHS) providers will follow systematic methods for identifying members in need of major organ transplants. KHS providers will refer these members to a Medi-Cal approved transplant center and coordinate care as needed. KHS Utilization Management staff will assist providers as needed in the referral process and act as a liaison between transplant center staff and KHS providers. Transplant procedures which are not covered include:

- Bone marrow transplants (BMT)
- Heart transplants (HT)
- Liver transplants (LT)

- Lung transplants (LUT)
- Heart/lung transplants (HT/LUT)
- Combined liver and kidney transplants (LT/KT)
- Combined liver and small bowel transplants (LT/SBT)
- Small Bowel Transplants (SBT)

In cases where a non-covered major organ transplant is needed, members will be disenrolled should they meet all criteria for disenrollment.

PROCEDURE:

1.0 PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

The Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service (FFS) Program is responsible for the provision of major organ transplants for Medi-Cal Members. Medi-Cal FFS has designated approved Medi-Cal Transplant Centers. (See Attachment A for a list of these approved centers.)

The California Children's Services Program is responsible for the provision of major organ transplants that are determined to be CCS eligible conditions. See *KHS Policy and Procedure #3.16-P: California Children's Services* for additional information on the CCS Program.

2.0 ACCESS

Members requiring major organ transplants are identified by their KHS provider. Organ transplant services require prior authorization. Providers should submit referrals to KHS as outlined in *KHS Policy and Procedure #3.22-P: Referral and Authorization Process*. KHS UM staff assist the provider in making the referral to an appropriate transplant center and act as a liaison between transplant center staff and the provider.

2.1 Medi-Cal Members

KHS providers follow the Medi-Cal patient selection criteria in identifying Medi-Cal members in need of major organ transplants. Medi-Cal members meeting the selection criteria are referred to an approved Medi-Cal Transplant Center.³ If the transplant center physician considers the member to be a suitable candidate, a prior authorization request will be submitted by the transplant center M.D. to either the San Francisco Medi-Cal Field Office (for adults) or the California Children's Services Program (for children) for approval.⁴

3.0 PROVISION OF SERVICES

Kidney only transplants are a covered benefit for Medi-Cal Members. Transplants qualifying as a CCS eligible condition are referred to and provided by the CCS Program for Medi-Cal members.

Benefits for those transplants covered and approved by KHS include the following

- A. Reasonable medical and hospital expenses of a donor or an individual identified as a prospective donor, if these expenses are directly related to the transplant
- B. Testing the member's relatives for matching bone marrow transplants
- C. Searching for and testing unrelated bone marrow donors through a recognized Donor Registry

- D. Charges associated with procuring donor organs through a recognized Donor Transplant Bank, if these expenses are directly related to the transplant

3.1 Carved Out Transplant Services

With the exception of kidney only transplants, major organ transplant procedures are not covered under the KHS Medi-Cal Product.⁵ Potential candidates for such transplants are referred to either Medi-Cal FFS or CCS. Should the member's evaluation by the transplant physician rule the member out as a transplant candidate or if CCS or the Medi-Cal field office denies prior authorization, the evaluation cost and the responsibility for the continuing treatment of the member will remain with KHS and further care will be coordinated and carried out by the PCP and Specialist as needed.⁶

4.0 COORDINATION OF CARE

KHS promotes the continuity of care of KHS members by transferring all of the members' pertinent medical documentation to the transplant physician.⁷ KHS continues to provide all medically necessary covered services for the member until the member is disenrolled.⁸

KHS UM staff will be the liaison for KHS providers and the transplant centers and will facilitate the collection of pertinent records from the appropriate providers for the KHS provider and/or the transplant center.

4.1 Disenrollment of Medi-Cal Members

KHS will initiate disenrollment of the member after all of the following has occurred⁹:

- A. A referral of the member to the Medi-Cal approved organ transplant facility has been completed.
- B. The transplant facility/physician concurs that the member is a suitable candidate for an organ transplant.
- C. The transplant is authorized by either the DHCS Medi-Cal Field Office (for adults) or the California Children's Service Program (for children).

Members will not be disenrolled until the above criteria have been met. The effective date of disenrollment will be retroactive to the beginning of the month in which the transplant is approved.¹⁰ All services provided during this month will be paid at fee-for-service rates.

5.0 PROVIDER AND MEMBER EDUCATION

Providers are informed of the referral process for major organ transplants through Provider Orientations and the inclusion of this Policy and Procedure in the *KHS Provider Manual*.

When a member is identified as a potential organ transplant candidate, the KHS Member Services department contacts the member to facilitate member understanding of the process and potential outcomes (disenrollment and transplant vs. continued medical management through KHS).

6.0 REIMBURSEMENT

KHS pays Medi-Cal fee-for-service rates for costs associated with evaluations by which the Medi-Cal member is ruled out for transplant services.

PCPs and Specialists that possess Medi-Cal provider numbers may bill Medi-Cal FFS for any retroactive care on disenrolled Medi-Cal members.¹¹

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A – Approved Medi-Cal Transplant Centers

REFERENCE:

¹ **Revision 2015-01:** “Attachment A” the Medi-Cal approved transplant list updated. **Revision 2013-12:** Minor revisions provided by Director of Health Services to remove references to Health Families. **Revision 2010-05:** Reviewed by KHS Chief Health Services Officer. Attachment updated. **Revision 2006-02:** Routine review. Policy reviewed against DHS Contract 03-76165 (Effective 5/1/2004). **Revision 2001-05:** Routine review. Added Attachments A-D per DHS Comment Letter (4/30/01).

² DHS Contract A-11 (17)(B)

³ DHS Contract A-11 (17)(B)

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⁸ DHS Contract A-11 (17)(B)

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¹⁰ DHS Contract A-11 (17)(B) and A-16 (3)(A)

¹¹ DHS Contract A-11 (17)(B)

Medi-Cal Approved Centers of Excellence (COE) for Transplantation Updated January 3, 2014

Centers are listed by type of organ transplant.

Transplant Center Surgical (S) or Medical (M) Director names follow the facility name.

Only Medical Directors are listed for Bone Marrow Transplant Centers.

Patient age group, adult (A) and/or pediatric (P) is also noted after the surgical or medical director name. Unless otherwise indicated, A applies to facilities approved for clients ≥ 21 years old (y.o.) and P applies to facilities approved for clients < 21 y.o. Clients referred to Children's Medical Services (CMS) Branch/California Children's Services (CCS) Program staff by Medi-Cal approved COEs for pediatric transplant are case managed by CMS Branch/CCS Program staff.

Medi-Cal approved COES for Heart Transplant

Adults Only

1. California Pacific Medical Center (San Francisco)
G. James Avery II, M.D. (Acting S) and Ernest Haeusslein, M.D. (M)
2. Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (Los Angeles)
Alfredo Trento, M.D. (S) and Larry Czer, M.D. (M)
3. Sharp Memorial Hospital (San Diego)
Robert Adamson, M.D. (S) and Brian Jaski, M.D. (M)
4. University of California, San Diego (San Diego)
M.D. (S) and Eric D. Adler, M.D. (M)
5. University of California, San Francisco (San Francisco)
Charles W. Hoopes, M.D. (S) and Teresa De Marco, M.D. (M)
6. University Hospital, University Of Southern Cal (Los Angeles)
Vaughn Starnes, M.D. (S) and Mark L. Barr, M.D. (M)
7. St. Vincent Medical Center (Los Angeles)
Ali Gheissari, M.D. (S) (**Closed program 11/17/06**)
8. Sutter Memorial Hospital (Sacramento)
Douglas R. Schuch, M.D. (S) and John Chin, M.D. (M)

Pediatrics Only

1. Children's Hospital of Los Angeles (Los Angeles)
Cynthia Harrington, M.D. (S) and Jacqueline Szmuszkovicz, M.D. (M)

Adults and Pediatrics

1. Loma Linda University Medical Center (San Bernardino)
Leonard Bailey, M.D. (S, A, P), Lisette Stoletniy, M.D. (M, A) and Richard Chinnock, M.D. (M, P)
2. Stanford Medical Center / Lucile Packard Children's Hospital (Palo Alto)
Robert Robbins, M.D. (S, A, P), Sharon Hunt, M.D. (M, A) and Clifford Chin, M.D. (M, P)
3. University of California, Los Angeles (Los Angeles)
Hillel Laks, M.D. (S, A), Jon Kobashigawa, M.D. (M, A), Brian L. Reemtsen, M.D. (S, P) and Juan Alejos, M.D. (M, P)

MEDI-CAL APPROVED COES FOR TRANSPLANTATION

Medi-Cal approved COES Liver Transplant (includes Small Bowel)

Adults Only

1. California Pacific Medical Center (San Francisco)
Robert Osorio, M.D. (S) and Robert Gish, M.D. (M)
2. Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (Los Angeles)
Steven Colquhoun, M.D. (S) and Tram T. Tran, M.D. (M)
3. Loma Linda University Medical Center (San Bernardino)
Okechukwu Ojogho, M.D., (S) and Zeid Kayali, M.D. (M)
4. Scripps Clinic – Green Hospital (San Diego)
Christopher Marsh, M.D. (S) and Donald Hillebrand, M.D. (M)
5. University of California, San Diego (San Diego)
Ajai Khanna, M.D. (S) and Tariq Hassanein, M.D. (M)
6. University of California, Davis (Sacramento) (**Program closed 5/1/ 2009**)
John P. McVicar, M.D. (S) and Lorenzo Rosario, M.D. (M)
7. University Hospital, University of Southern California (Los Angeles)
Robert Rick Selby, M.D. (S) and Tse-Ling Fong, M.D. (M)

Adults and Pediatrics

1. Stanford Medical Center / Lucile Packard Children's Hospital** (Palo Alto) Peds only for Small Bowel
Carlos Esquivel, M.D. (S, A, P), Aijaz Ahmed, M.D.. (M, A) and William Berquist, M.D. (M, P)
2. University of California, Los Angeles*** (Los Angeles)
Ronald Busuttil, M.D. (S, M, A, P), and Suzanne McDiarmid, M.D. (M,P)
3. University of California, San Francisco (San Francisco)
John Roberts, M.D. (S, A, P), Francis Yao, M.D. (M, A) and Philip Rosenthal, M.D. (M, P)

Pediatrics

1. Children's Hospital Los Angeles (Los Angeles)**
Yuri Genyk , M.D. (S) and Danny Thomas, M.D. (M)

** Lucile Packard Children's Hospital and CHLA Meet Medi-Cal's additional Small Bowel Tx criteria for patients under 21 years of age

*** UCLA is approved for Small Bowel TX for all ages (6/22/09).

Adult Living Donor Liver Transplant Medi-Cal Certification (same directors)

1. Stanford Medical Center (Palo Alto)
2. University of California, San Francisco (San Francisco)
3. University of California, Los Angeles (Los Angeles)
4. University Hospital, University of Southern California (Los Angeles)

MEDI-CAL APPROVED COES FOR TRANSPLANTATION

Medi-Cal approved COES for Lung Transplant (IF also approved as a Heart Transplant Center, they may also do Heart-Lung Transplants)

Adults Only

1. University of California, San Diego (UCSD); ≥ 18 y.o. (Limited to Lung TX only)
Michael Madani, M.D. (S) and Gordon Yung, M.D. (M)
2. University Hospital, University of Southern Cal (Los Angeles)
P. Michael McFadden, M.D. (S) and Richard Barbers, M.D. (M)
3. University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)
Jasleen Kukreja, M.D., M.P.H. (S) and Steven R. Hays, M.D. (M)

Pediatrics Only

1. Children's Hospital of Los Angeles (Los Angeles) **(Suspended Lung Transplant program April, 2012)**

Adults and Pediatrics

1. Stanford Medical Center / Lucile Packard Children's Hospital (Palo Alto)
Robert Robbins, M.D. (S, A, P), David Weill, M.D. (M, A) and Carol Conrad, M.D. (M, P)

Medi-Cal approved COE Kidney-Pancreas Transplant (Adult only)

Adult Only

1. California Pacific Medical Center (San Francisco)
William Bry, M.D. (S)
2. University of California San Francisco (San Francisco)
Peter Stock, M.D. (S)

MEDI-CAL APPROVED COES FOR TRANSPLANTATION

Medi-Cal COES for Bone Marrow Transplant

Adults Only

1. Alta Bates Hospital (Berkeley)
Rajesh Behl, M.D.
2. University of California, San Diego (San Diego)
Edward D. Ball, M.D.
3. Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (Los Angeles)
Michael Lill, M.D.
4. University of California, Davis (Sacramento)
Carol Richman, M.D.
5. Sutter Medical Center, Sutter Cancer Center (Sacramento)
Michael P. Carroll, M.D.
6. Scripps Green Hospital & Scripps Clinic, Scripps Cancer Ctr (La Jolla)
(10/28/09, pending CMAC contract)
James Mason, M.D.
7. USC—Norris Cancer (Los Angeles)
Vinod A. Pullarkat, M.D.

Pediatrics Only

1. Children's Hospital of Los Angeles (Los Angeles)
Neena Kapoor, M.D. (Red Team);
Jonathan Finlay, M.D. (Blue Team)
2. Children's Hospital of Orange (Orange)
Steven Neudorf, M.D.
3. Children's Hospital San Diego (San Diego)
Eric Anderson, M.D.
4. Children's Hospital Oakland (Oakland)
Mark Walters, M.D.
5. Loma Linda University Medical Center (Loma Linda) (3/27/09)
Christopher Morris, M.D.

Adults and Pediatrics

1. City of Hope National Medical Center (Duarte)
Stephen Forman, M.D. (A); Joseph Rosenthal, M.D. (P)
2. Stanford Medical Center / Lucile Packard Children's Hospital (Palo Alto)
Robert Negrin, M.D. (A); Kenneth Weinberg, M.D. (P)
3. University of California, Los Angeles, (Los Angeles)
Gary Schiller, M.D. (A); Theodore Moore, M.D. (P)
4. University of California, San Francisco (San Francisco)
Lloyd Damon, M.D. (A); Morton Cowan, M.D. (P)