STATE/TERRITORY: FLORIDA

STANDARDS FOR THE COVERAGE OF ORGAN TRANSPLANT SERVICES

Medicaid payment is restricted to those organ transplants currently considered as accepted therapeutic modalities in this state and does not include experimental procedures. For children under age 21, Florida covers organ transplants that are medically necessary and appropriate. For recipients age 21 and older, Florida Medicaid covers kidney, liver, cornea, heart, lung, pancreas, intestine, multivisceral and hematopoietic progenitor cell transplants that are medically necessary. An exception is that Medicaid covered emergency services for 5-year bar qualified aliens and non-qualified aliens do not include care and services related to organ transplant procedures. Cornea transplants involve tissue and not solid organs. Medicaid enrollment is required for those facilities that provide cornea transplants, but separate transplant facility designation is not required.

Organ transplants for Florida Medicaid recipients must be performed by Medicaid-designated programs that:

- Have been approved by the State of Florida with a Certificate of Need;
- Are located in hospitals or parts of hospitals that meet the requirements for participation in Medicare as a hospital per 42 CFR 440.10 and 482;
- Are approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the specific organ being transplanted;
- Are certified by the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) for the specific organ being transplanted;
- Meet additional organ-specific standards provided in Attachment 3.1-E, Supplement 1.

If a program loses CMS or OPTN approval for an organ, the program must reapply for Medicaid-designation and meet all the criteria listed above.

For multiple simultaneous organ transplants within the same patient, the program must be approved for each of those organs.

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ORGAN-SPECIFIC TRANSPLANTATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
LIVER TRANSPLANTATION PROGRAM CRITERIA

In addition to approval by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN), patients considered for liver transplantation are those who meet the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) guidelines.

INTESTINAL AND MULTIVISCERAL TRANSPLANTATION PROGRAM CRITERIA

In addition to approval by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN), the following are required of intestinal and multivisceral transplantation programs:

- Must perform 10 or more intestinal/multivisceral transplants per year;
- Must have one year actuarial survival rate for intestinal/multivisceral transplants greater than 65%.

Patients considered for intestinal or multivisceral transplantation are those with intestinal failure who have failed total parenteral nutrition.

HEMATOPOIETIC PROGENITOR CELL TRANSPLANTATION PROGRAM CRITERIA

Hematopoietic progenitor cell transplantation must be performed in a medical facility that has been accredited by the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy (FACT).
CARDIAC TRANSPLANTATION PROGRAM CRITERIA

In addition to approval by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN), the following are required of cardiac transplantation programs:

- Programs with transplant patients under age 12 must have pediatric sub-specialists in the areas indicated for program personnel as referenced in the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network guidelines.
- Programs with neonatal transplant patients must have a level 3 neonatal intensive care unit with neonatology support.

Patients considered for cardiac transplantation are those with end-stage cardiac disease, in accordance with the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation (ISHLT) guidelines.

RENAL TRANSPLANTATION PROGRAM CRITERIA

In addition to approval by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN), the following is required of renal transplantation programs:

Programs transplanting pediatric patients must meet all program requirements for a Comprehensive Children’s Kidney Failure Center (CCKFC) including pre-dialysis, dialysis, transplantation and post-transplantation services.

PANCREAS TRANSPLANTATION PROGRAM CRITERIA

Programs performing pancreas transplantation must have the approval by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN).
LUNG TRANSPLANTATION PROGRAM CRITERIA

In addition to approval by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN), the following are required of lung transplantation programs:

- Programs transplanting patients under age 12 must have pediatric sub-specialists in the areas indicated for program personnel as referenced in the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network guidelines.
- Programs transplanting neonates must have a level 3 neonatal intensive care unit with neonatology support.

Patients considered for lung transplantation are those with chronic, end-stage lung disease, in accordance with the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation (ISHLT) guidelines.
METHODS USED IN ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES

Reimbursement rates for globally paid transplants include adult (age 21 and over) heart, liver, lung and intestine/multivisceral and pediatric (age 20 and under) lung and intestine multivisceral transplant services, which are paid the actual billed charges up to a global maximum rate established by the Agency. (See global rates below) These payments will be made to physicians and facilities that have met specified guidelines and are established as Medicaid-designated transplant centers. The global maximum reimbursement for transplant surgery services is an all-inclusive payment that encompasses the date of transplantation and extends through 365 days post facility discharge of transplant related care. 

The Agency’s global reimbursement rates were updated on February 22, 2010, and are effective for services provided on or after that date.

All other transplant rates are published on the Agency’s website at http://portal.flmmis.com/flpublic.

Only one provider may bill for the transplant phase. Global maximum rates for transplantation surgery are as follows:

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