

April 27, 2009

Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

Inpatient Hospital, Outpatient Hospital, Critical Access Hospital, Ambulatory Surgical Center, Physician, Mid-Level Practitioner

Transplant Program Update

Covered Services

- Services considered experimental and/or investigational are not a benefit of the Montana Medicaid program.
- All cases presented for organ or tissue transplantation require, with the exception of corneal transplantation, prior authorization from the Department's designated review organization.
- Medicaid will only cover medically necessary organ or tissue transplants.
 - Complies with Medicare coverage guidelines for organ or tissue transplant service.
 - If Medicare guidelines are not available, the transplant surgery will be reviewed to determine whether it is experimental and/or investigational.
- Transplant program standards
 - Organ transplants must be performed in a Medicare certified center. If Medicare has not designated a certified center, the transplant must be performed by a program that is located in a hospital or parts of a hospital certified by the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) for the specific organ being transplanted. A list of CMS-certified facilities can be accessed at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CertificationandCompliance/Downloads/ApprovedTransplantPrograms.pdf>
 - Tissue transplants such as corneal, bone marrow and peripheral stem cell transplants must meet Medicare coverage guidelines.

Prior Authorization

With the exception of corneal transplants, prior authorization is required for all organ and tissue transplants. To obtain a prior authorization, please call:

Mountain-Pacific Quality Health
Helena: (406) 443-4020
Local fax: (406) 443-4585
In- and out-of-state: 1-800-262-1545 ext. 5850
Long-distance fax: 1-800-497-8235

Contact Information

For questions regarding transplantation services, please contact:

Mary Patrick, R.N.
Hospital Case Manager/Transplant Program Officer
Montana Medicaid/DPHHS
(406) 444-0061
Email: mpatrick@mt.gov
Fax: (406) 444-4441

For claim questions, to enroll or re-enroll as a participating provider, or for additional information, please contact:

Provider Relations toll-free in- and out-of-state: 1-800-624-3958
Helena: (406) 442-1837
E-mail: MTPRHelpdesk@ACS-inc.com

Visit the Provider Information website:

<http://www.mtmedicaid.org>

For transportation questions/assistance, please contact:

Mountain-Pacific Quality Health
Transportation
Toll-free in- and out-of-state: 1-800-292-7114 ext. 5864
Helena: (406) 443-6100