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# Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

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

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### Transplant Program Update

#### Covered Services

Medicaid will only cover medically necessary organ or tissue transplants covered by Medicare and comply with Medicare's coverage guidelines. If Medicare guidelines are not available, the transplant surgery will be reviewed by the Department to determine whether it is experimental and/or investigational and if it is medically necessary. All cases presented for organ or tissue transplantation, with the exception of corneal transplantation, require prior authorization from the Department's designated review organization.

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 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:  
<https://www.cms.gov/CertificationandCompliance/20Transplant.asp>

Tissue transplants such as cornea, bone marrow and peripheral stem cell must meet Medicare coverage guidelines.

Please refer to your provider type fee schedule for reimbursement information.

#### Prior Authorization

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**

ACS P.O. Box 8000 Helena, MT 59604

## **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**