

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 programs that:

- 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;
- Are approved by the Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration upon the recommendation of the Organ Transplant Advisory Council (765.53, Florida Statutes) and following a site visit by a member of the Council;
- Meet additional organ-specific standards provided in Attachment 3.1-E, Supplement I as recommended by the Organ Transplant Advisory Council.

Compliance with these criteria will be reviewed at least as frequently as CMS and OPTN review the program.

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, including a site visit by a member of the Organ Transplant Advisory Council.

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

The hospitals providing transplants must have the resources to provide pre-transplantation management of the patient undergoing failure of an organ and have continued patient follow-up by appropriate specialty services. All other program limitations apply.

The Organ Transplant Advisory Council may recommend conditional Medicaid approval for transplant programs based on the providers' experience and qualifications relative to patient characteristics; adequacy of facilities and resources for the specific patient population; and any other consideration which would significantly impact outcomes.

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