

# Health Plus Medical & Claims Payment Bulletin

---

**Bulletin number: CL - 714**

**Original Bulletin Date: 03/01/06**

**Updated: 03/24/06**

**Subject: Transplants**

---

## **Policy:**

- Health Plus at its sole discretion may select a third party transplant network to arrange for, contract for, and pay for the transplant and transplant related services.

In the event Health Plus elects to use a transplant network, Health Plus may require providers of transplant and transplant related services to bill the transplant network or third party administrator.

## *Payment:*

- Claims for transplants will be reimbursed in accordance with the particular contract in force or negotiated. Most contracts pay for a global transplant package that includes pre-transplant, transplant, and post-transplant services.

Hospital and professional inpatient services and supplies are payable at a case rate.

- Post-transplant anti-rejection drugs will be reimbursed in accordance with the particular contract in force or negotiated. Post-transplant drugs are usually included for a specified period of time in the global transplant package.
- Claims for any donor procedure, including organ harvesting and allograft preparation, may be paid only if separately prior authorized by Health Plus.
- Claims for donor search and acquisition of an organ, including HLA-typing, may be paid if prior authorized and only for the charges that are applicable to the organ actually transplanted.
- Organ donor expenses are covered by Medicaid Managed Care and Family Health Plus as part of the coverage for the member, regardless of the member status of the donor.

All costs associated with an organ transplant are covered in the DRG payment or in the negotiated rate. There is no separate payment for finding a donor and obtaining the organ, or bone marrow.

**Services Not Payable:**

- Pathology or laboratory tests performed on non-members (e.g. tissue typing, 86805 -86849) will not be reimbursed unless specifically pre-authorized.
- Charges for community searches will be denied as services not provided to an enrolled beneficiary.
- Claims for Cryo-preservation and/or storage of organs will be denied as not a covered service.
- Child Health Plus members are covered for the organ transplant, but are not covered for the cost of organ donation.

**Policies in this manual are intended to reflect standard Health Plus procedures. In instances where a provider’s contract contains other policies which may be more or less restrictive than those in this manual, these contractual provisions will apply.**

<b>Date Approved:</b>	5-16-06	<b>Approved By:</b>	<i>Clifford D. Marbut, M.D., M.P.H.</i>
<b>Date Approved:</b>	5-22-06	<b>Approved By:</b>	<i>[Signature]</i>