

Notification of Medical Policy Revisions: January 2018

Medical Policy	Revision
Transplant Solid Organ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Clarification • Updated Special Note section to read 2. Transportation and Lodging Expenses: When the Plan pre-authorizes a HMO member to receive transplant services at a facility located outside of the Plan's service area (out of the state of North Carolina), the Plan will cover reasonable expenses for transportation to and lodging at the distant location for the member and a companion. When transplant services are provided by a facility located inside the Plan's service area (within the state of North Carolina), transportation and lodging expenses are not covered by the Plan. Lodging must be approved in advance and arranged through the transplant coordinator at the transplant center or the Plan. (See Authorization Entry Guidelines). When a PPO Member should choose to have a transplant outside the Plan's service area (outside the state of North Carolina), when services are available inside the Plan's service area (within the state of North Carolina), Transportation and Lodging Expenses are not covered even though the transplant itself didn't require prior authorization.
Transplant Stem Cell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Clarification • Updated Special Note section to read 2. Transportation and Lodging Expenses: When the Plan pre-authorizes a HMO member to receive transplant services at a facility located outside of the Plan's service area (out of the state of North Carolina), the Plan will cover reasonable expenses for transportation to and lodging at the distant location for the member and a companion. When transplant services are provided by a facility located inside the Plan's service area (within the state of North Carolina), transportation and lodging expenses are not covered by the Plan. Lodging must be approved in advance and arranged through the transplant coordinator at the transplant center or the Plan. (See Authorization Entry Guidelines). When a PPO Member should choose to have a transplant outside the Plan's service area (outside the state of North Carolina), when services are available inside the Plan's service area (within the state of North Carolina), Transportation and Lodging Expenses are not covered even though the transplant itself didn't require prior authorization.
Rehabilitation Therapy_Inpatient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Review • No CMS updates. Minor Revisions Only.
Oral Anticancer Medications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Review • No CMS updates. Minor Revisions Only.