



Managed Transplant Program

Transplant solutions for payers



Transplant costs can be extremely unpredictable for managed care organizations. The average billed cost for a transplant episode is \$742,953 – but depending on the circumstances, it can rise to \$1 million or more.¹

Optum manages the clinical and financial aspects of your transplant cases through our transplant reinsurance carve-out product, the Optum[®] Managed Transplant Program (MTP). We can help advance your strategy for controlling costs, mitigating risk and improving patient outcomes.

Managed care organization benefits

Optum allows you to outsource all the risk for transplants. You simply pay a standard monthly premium, and Optum will pay virtually all claims that result from transplant cases. The Managed Transplant Program:

- Eliminates volatility through first-dollar transplant coverage so that transplant costs can be a stable budget item
- Allows you to focus attention on other high-return-on-investment areas of your business
- Frees up dollar reserves, allowing you to reinvest in your business
- Eliminates needless costs by using the Optum Transplant Centers of Excellence (COE) network and a specialized clinical management team to avoid inappropriate transplants, identify eligible patients for Medicare and reduce the re-transplant rate
- Reduces costs of health reinsurance premium
- Covers virtually all transplant-related costs, including immunosuppressant (anti-rejection) drugs
- Covers all solid organ and blood and marrow (cord blood, stem cells, bone marrow) transplants
- Covers transplant-related expenses from one day prior to the transplant through a maximum of 365 days following the transplant
- Includes coverage of evaluation, search and registry, organ procurement, home health, outpatient treatment, and travel and lodging benefits

The Optum Transplant COE network delivers access, choice and exceptional value²



184
COE facilities



1,089
COE programs

Member benefits

Optum provides access to the nation's leading COE transplant facilities. This includes centers with the highest survival rates and transplant volumes.

Quality in transplantation

Individuals in need of transplant services have access to expertise through the Optum Transplant COE network. Each transplant program within the network is evaluated annually to help ensure only those programs that excel in transplantation are included. These programs generally have higher survival rates than non-network programs.

Quality in client service

Optum specialized transplant clinical case managers guide patients through every aspect of the transplant process, including evaluation, pre-transplant, transplant, post-transplant, transportation arrangements, lodging and aftercare. Our transplant nurse case managers assist patients in making informed decisions about their transplant care through:

- Treatment education
- COE education and referrals
- Considerations in choosing where to get care
- Assistance in navigating the health care system
- Transplant medical director support

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