



NHS MEDICAL POLICY

OOA Nursing Miscellaneous Policies MISC 2017-001

For plans without an out-of-network benefit, OOA Nurse may certify ANY of the following:

1	<p>Initial outpatient consultation for a stem cell/bone marrow transplant or solid organ transplant may be approved if services are not provided within that member's local network.</p> <p>If liver transplant consultation is requested and the member's liver failure is due to alcohol abuse, there must also be documented evidence of at least 6 months abstinence from alcohol.</p>
2	<p>The following additional procedures may be approved for members undergoing approved evaluation for bone marrow/stem cell transplant or solid organ transplant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABO and HLA typing on the recipient and any potential donors • Reading of outside slides and/or x-rays at the transplant facility • Special testing and procedures required to be done at the transplant center which cannot be done in the local network (e.g. specialty consults required during treatment, testing for potential donors). • Additional consults and certification of stem cell transplant and associated procedures at the tertiary center which cannot be done locally and the hospital admission, if the initial consultation for stem cell transplant approved by physician review
3	<p>For members who have been discharged after a transplant and must stay near the transplant center for a period of time, the following additional procedures may be approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up office visits with the transplant team and pertinent consultants • Laboratories related to the transplant • Radiologic studies related to the transplant • Blood product transfusions • Hematopoietic growth factor administration (e.g. neupogen, epogen, etc.) <p><i>Notes:</i></p> <p><i>Autologous BMT/Stem cell patients must stay 2 ½ weeks post discharge from transplant</i></p> <p><i>Allogenic BMT/Stem cell patients must stay 4 weeks post discharge from transplant</i></p>

	<i>Liver transplant patients must stay 3 months post discharge from transplant</i> <i>Heart transplant patients must stay 3-6 months post discharge from transplant</i>
4	Follow up visits with testing for ocular malignancy
5	First visit after a previously approved procedure and/or surgery
6	Standard transplant work up at a transplant facility when the transplant is covered under a contract such as Interlink
7	Clinical trial at a contracted facility may be approved if adequate documentation submitted that standard of care treatments have been tried and failed.

SOURCES

POLICY HISTORY/REVISION INFORMATION

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