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REINSURANCE HOT NEWS

AHCCCS has been notified that several transplant programs are suspended at University Medical Center-Tucson (UMC). UMC will keep AHCCCS informed of the status of these transplant types and that information will be shared with MCOs. The case types that are suspended at UMC are as follows:

Heart/Lung
Single Lung
Double Lung
Pediatric Living Donor Liver
Pediatric Intestinal – both cadaveric and living donor
Pediatric Multi-Visceral – both cadaveric and living donor

AHCCCS is working on securing a contract for the pediatric case types for intestinal and multi-visceral and will update the matrix and communicate when those contracts are in place. Should you have an immediate need relating to these case types you will have to negotiate a single case agreement on your own until further notice. Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles is UNOS certified for these pediatric case types.

Contract negotiations were finalized with Phoenix Children’s Hospital and they are now contracted to do both cadaveric and living donor liver transplants (PLV case type) effective October 1, 2013. If you have a PCL case type that spans contract years 31 and 32 you will have to establish a new PLV case type and send AHCCCS a Reinsurance Action Request Form to have the encounters transferred to the new case.

If the need arises for a heart/lung both adult and pediatric case types or a pediatric lung case, you will need to negotiate a single case agreement on your own until further notice. Lucille Salter Packard Children’s Hospital is UNOS certified for pediatric lung and pediatric heart/lung cases. University of California at San Francisco is UNOS certified for adult heart/lung cases.

Please also note that transplant rates increased effective October 1, 2013. Transplant facilities should bill and MCOs should pay the rate that was in effect based on the end date of the component (stage). The transplant matrix is posted on the AHCCCS website at the following link: [http://www.azahcccs.gov/commercial/ProviderBilling/rates/Transplantrates.aspx](http://www.azahcccs.gov/commercial/ProviderBilling/rates/Transplantrates.aspx)