

The individuals found eligible for a transplant who subsequently lose eligibility for AHCCCS due to excess income may be eligible for one of two extended eligibility options:

1. **OPTION 1:** Extended eligibility is for one 12-month continuous period. During that time, the member is eligible for all AHCCCS covered services while they remain on the transplant waiting list. All medically necessary covered services provided to option 1 members, unrelated to the transplant, are eligible for reimbursement:
 - a. Tobacco Tax funds will be used to pay the state share of capitation, reinsurance and transplant reinsurance which is equal to the lesser of 100% of the AHCCCS contract amount for the transplantation services rendered, or the Contractor paid amount, less the transplant share of cost. For transplants received at a facility not contracted with AHCCCS, payment is made at the lesser of 100% of the lowest AHCCCS contracted amount for the transplantation services rendered, or the Contractor paid amount, less the transplant share of cost. Refer to the Reinsurance Processing Manual for further details,
 - b. The transplant share of cost will be determined based on the total unmet spend down requirement for the household divided by the number of individuals in the household that is calculated by the AHCCCS Division of Member and Provider Services (DMPS) MA-SP Unit,
 - c. The transplant facility shall sign the share of cost form, and the form shall be returned to AHCCCS,
 - d. The amount of transplant share of cost shall not change once the extended period of eligibility begins,
 - e. At the end of the 12-month period, the individual must qualify for AHCCCS based on regular eligibility requirements, or they will lose AHCCCS eligibility. Or, if during the 12-month period, the individual is determined to be no longer medically eligible for a transplant, their coverage will terminate at the end of that month. If during the 12-month period the individual becomes eligible for Title XIX coverage, the 12-month period continues. If the transplant takes place while the individual is Title XIX eligible, there is no share of cost, and
 - f. If an individual elects option one, they cannot switch to option two.
2. **OPTION 2:** Extended eligibility covers transplant services only. At the time that the transplant is scheduled to be performed, the transplant candidate will reapply and will be re-enrolled with their previous Contractor to receive all covered transplant services for six months starting with the month of transplant.

The individual is not eligible for any health care services from AHCCCS while waiting for the transplant unless at any time the individual qualifies for AHCCCS based on regular eligibility requirements. If the transplant facility enters into a contractual agreement with the individual, the facility must allow that individual to retain their transplant candidacy status, if the individual is medically eligible:

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- b. Once the transplant is scheduled or performed, the individual must reapply for Title XIX eligibility. Upon re-application, if determined Title XIX ineligible solely due to excess income, the transplant share of cost will be recalculated based on current income and family size by AHCCCS DMPS,
- c. The transplant candidate will sign a contract with the transplant facility to pay the transplant share of cost and be enrolled with the same AHCCCS Contractor to receive covered services limited to applicable transplant, and
- d. The transplant facility must submit a copy of the individual's contractual agreement with the facility to AHCCCS.

While the individual is enrolled with a Contractor, Tobacco Tax funds will be used to pay the medical cost associated with the transplant, less the transplant share of cost, if the transplant is performed within 30 days prior to the date of eligibility determination by the eligibility office.

At any time, the individual may qualify for AHCCCS based on regular eligibility requirements. If the transplant takes place while the individual is Title XIX eligible, there is no share of cost.

Extended eligibility is available for those who meet all the following conditions:

- a. Determined ineligible due to excess income under one of the covered Title XIX acute care groups including the medical expense deduction category,
- b. Approved for a medically necessary and appropriate transplant and have been placed on a donor waiting list before eligibility expired or who is approved for a stem cell transplant as specified in ARS 36-2907.10, and
- c. Entered into a contractual arrangement with the transplant facility to pay the amount of income, which is in excess of the eligibility income standards (referred to as transplant share of cost).

TRANSPLANT CANDIDATE RESPONSIBILITY

When the transplant candidate receives notice of a pending termination, they must contact the Contractor's Transplant Coordinator to discuss the available Options. After the individual chooses an Option, the individual must sign the contract agreeing to pay the transplant share of cost.

If a transplant candidate who has chosen Option Two receives notification of the need for eligibility re-determination, the transplant candidate must contact the DMPS MA-SP Unit and submit all necessary documents to re-determine eligibility and a new share of cost as applicable.

If an individual is too ill to complete the above process on their own, the Contractor's Transplant Coordinator and Medical Director shall coordinate with MM, DMPS and the individual to ensure that the steps outlined to initiate the re-determination process are completed on behalf of the individual.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY (DES) RESPONSIBILITY

On a priority basis, DES, in coordination with the DMPS representative, will determine if the person remains eligible for any Title XIX category; if not, DES will transfer the case to the DMPS MA-SP Unit.

AHCCCS DMPS MA-SP UNIT RESPONSIBILITY

1. Verify the individual 's current transplant status with MM.
2. Calculate a transplant share of cost.
3. Inform the individual of the need to contact the transplant facility so they may discuss the two Options and the contract for the transplant share of cost.
4. Provide the amount of the transplant share of cost to MM.
5. Upon receipt of a copy of the signed contract from the transplant facility. process the extended eligibility application on a priority basis.
6. Notify the DMPS Eligibility System Support (ESS) when Option One has been selected to ensure eligibility status is updated on the AHCCCS member eligibility file.

If Option Two is chosen, the DMPS MA-SP Unit will be responsible for recalculating the transplant share of cost at the time of the transplant and notifying the DMPS ESS Unit to ensure that the eligibility status is updated on the member eligibility file.

TRANSPLANT FACILITY RESPONSIBILITY

The transplant facility must discuss the two options with the transplant candidate, verify the option chosen and determine whether a transplant share of cost contract will be signed.

The transplant facility will provide a copy of the signed contract indicating the option chosen to MM and the responsible Contractor.

When a hematopoietic transplant (bone marrow or hematopoietic stem cell) is performed or an appropriate solid organ is available for transplant, the transplant facility will notify the Contractor.

AHCCCS CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY

If the individual chooses option 1, enrollment with their current Contractor shall continue for 12 months only.

If the individual chooses Option 2, the individual will be put on a waiting list with the Transplant Facility but is not enrolled with AHCCCS. At any time, the individual may re-qualify for AHCCCS and at that time choose a Contractor or be auto-assigned to a new Contractor. The new Contractor shall take responsibility for continuity of care.

The Contractor shall provide copies of the signed contract and the option chosen from the transplant facility to MM.

AHCCCS MEDICAL MANAGEMENT (MM) RESPONSIBILITY

Once notified by the Contractor's Transplant Coordinator of the option chosen by the individual, MM will notify the DMPS MA-SP Unit to update eligibility.

Once notified by the Contractor or transplant facility of the transplant or the availability of an organ, MM will begin tracking all completed components of the transplant process for review and verification of dates of services for claims.

TRANSPLANT REINSURANCE

Refer to the Reinsurance Processing Manual.