



Arizona Non-Renal Transplant Medications Program

Background

House Bill 2422 allocated \$200,000 annually (subject to availability of funds) for contracts with hospitals licensed by the Department of Health Services that perform non-renal organ transplant operations to make post-surgical, transplant-related medications available to eligible patients.

Goal

To assist in the long-term survival of non-renal transplant recipients

Eligibility

Non-renal transplant organ recipients who are:

- Uninsured
- Residents of Arizona
- With income levels at or below 400% based on current FPL (Federal Poverty Level) guidelines
- Ineligible for AHCCCS/Medicare coverage
- Medicare enrollee with no prescription medication benefits
- Medicare enrollee with immunosuppressant coverage only
Primary and/or secondary enrollees with "*exhausted*" (benefits that expire after a given time period) or "*insufficient*" (coverage that does not cover medications prescribed by this program) medication benefits.

Service Provider

- University Medical Center (UMC) in Tucson, Arizona, is the sole contractor for provision of the Non-Renal Transplant Medications Program services

Medication Coverage

- Medications that are transplant specific such as: anti-rejection, anti-viral, anti-bacterial, or anti-hypertensive
- Medications for treatment of conditions resulting from non-renal transplant. (Must present physician's justification for the condition)
- Medications not covered by Medicare
- Over-the-counter medications are excluded from this coverage

Facts:

- Over 1,100 non-renal organ transplant recipients listed Arizona as their home state
- In FY08, the average cost per patient per year in non-renal medications assistance was \$2,666.

Need:

\$200,000 of funding annually, addressing the medication needs of only 6% of the total number of non-renal transplant recipients in Arizona

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