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Note: For the purposes of the blood or marrow stem cell clinical trial transplants covered under this Plan, a clinical trial is a research study whose protocol has been reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of the Blue Distinction Center for Transplants where the procedure is to be performed.

- **Organ/tissue transplants**

Benefits for certain transplants are limited to designated transplant centers or programs.

Transplants listed on page [66](#) must be performed in a transplant program designated as a Blue Distinction Center for Transplants.

The organ transplants listed on page [66](#) are not available in a Blue Distinction Center for Transplants and must be performed at a Preferred facility with a Medicare-Approved Transplant Program, if one is available.

Transplants involving more than one organ must be performed in a facility that offers a Medicare-Approved Transplant Program for each organ transplanted. Contact your local Plan for Medicare's approved transplant programs.

If Medicare does not offer an approved program for a certain type of organ transplant procedure, this requirement does not apply and you may use any covered Preferred facility and Preferred provider that performs the procedure.

Contact us at the customer service phone number listed on the back of your ID card before obtaining services. We will request the medical evidence we need to make our coverage determination. Our review will include whether you meet the facility and transplant program criteria for the particular transplant.

All members (including those who have Medicare Part A or another group health insurance policy as their primary payor) must contact us at the customer service phone number listed on the back of their ID card before obtaining services.

- **Transplant travel** – If you travel to a Blue Distinction Center for Transplants, we reimburse up to \$5,000 per transplant for costs of transportation (air, rail, bus, and/or taxi) and lodging (for you and your traveling companions) if you live 50 miles or more from the facility.
- **Prescription drugs and supplies** – Certain prescription drugs and supplies, including medical foods administered orally (see pages [94](#) and [131](#)), require prior approval. Contact CVS Caremark, our Pharmacy Program administrator, at 800-624-5060, TTY: 711, to request prior approval, or to obtain a list of drugs and supplies that require prior approval. We will request the information we need to make our coverage determination. You must periodically renew prior

approval for certain drugs. See page [92](#) for more information about our prescription drug prior approval program, which is part of our Patient Safety and Quality Monitoring (PSQM) program.

Notes:

- Updates are made periodically throughout the year to the list of drugs and supplies requiring prior approval. New drugs and supplies may be added to the list and prior approval criteria may change. Changes to the prior approval list or to prior approval criteria are not considered benefit changes.
 - Until we approve them, you must pay for these drugs in full when you purchase them – even if you purchase them at a Preferred retail pharmacy or through our specialty drug pharmacy – and submit the expense(s) to us on a claim form. Preferred pharmacies will not file these claims for you.
 - The Specialty Drug Pharmacy Program will not fill your prescription until you have obtained prior approval. CVS Caremark, the program administrator, will hold your prescription for you up to 30 days. If prior approval is not obtained within 30 days, your prescription will be returned to you along with a letter explaining the prior approval procedures.
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