

- ❖ The procedure carries high enrollee risk.

Reimbursement for the performance of these specified surgical procedures on an outpatient basis will be made on a flat fee-for-service basis. Reimbursement for surgical procedures approved for an inpatient performance will be made in accordance with the prospective reimbursement methodology for acute care inpatient hospital services.

Transplant Services

In-state transplant services are reimbursed at costs subject to a hospital-specific per diem limit that is based on each hospital's actual cost in the base year established for each type of approved transplant. Out-of-state transplant services are reimbursed at 40 percent of billed charges for adults age twenty-one and older and 60 percent of billed charges for children through age twenty.

Hospital Qualifying Criteria

The hospital must be a Medicare approved transplant center for each type of organ transplant to qualify for reimbursement of Medicaid transplant services. Bone marrow transplant, stem cell transplant, and certain autologous immunotherapies (such as CAR T-cell therapy) services shall only be allowable for payment to hospitals that are accredited by the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy (FACT).

The Medicaid Director may grant an exception to a transplant center for a specific procedure if the transplant surgeon can demonstrate experience with that specific procedure and a history of positive outcomes in another hospital. The other hospital must be a Medicare approved transplant center for that specific procedure.

Well-Baby Per Diem

Private hospitals that perform more than 1,500 Louisiana Medicaid deliveries per state fiscal year (SFY) qualify to be paid a per diem for well babies that are discharged at the same time the mother is discharged.

Outpatient Hospital Services

Outpatient hospital services are defined as diagnostic and therapeutic services rendered under the direction of a physician or dentist to an outpatient in an enrolled, licensed and certified hospital. The MCO shall cover medically necessary outpatient hospital services provided to enrollees.

Common Observation Policy

The MCO shall utilize the following common observation policy, which has been developed collectively by MCO personnel with LDH approval. This policy shall be reviewed annually by LDH and the MCOs in its entirety. Any revisions shall be reviewed and approved by LDH at least 30 calendar days prior to implementation of any new or revised language. The purpose of the outpatient hospital services program is to provide outpatient services to eligible Medicaid enrollees performed on an outpatient basis in a hospital setting. Hospitals are to ensure that the