

New Medicare Coverage for Immunosuppressant Drugs

Medicare now pays for immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant recipients for as long as the kidney is working—and it does not matter how old you are.

How do you know if you qualify? You may qualify if:

- You have Medicare Part B coverage.
- You were eligible for Medicare at the time of your transplant and applied for Medicare prior to the transplant.
- You received a kidney transplant from a Medicare-approved facility.



The Plan Only Pays for Immunosuppressant Drugs

Immunosuppressive drugs are necessary for preventing the rejection of a transplanted organ. The plan does not cover any other services, supplies, or medications not directly related to organ rejection.



Patients who have other health coverage will not be allowed to participate in this new plan.

Other health coverage includes:

- Group or individual health plans or national health plans
- TRICARE
- Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage that includes immunosuppressive drug coverage
- Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) coverage or eligible to get immunosuppressive drugs from the VA.



How Can You Enroll?

If you meet the conditions above and want to enroll, call the Social Security Administration at **1.877.465.0355**.

Sources:

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