

**2023 Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan - FEP Blue Focus**  
**Section 5(b). Surgical and Anesthesia Services Provided by Physicians and Other Healthcare Professionals**  
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**Benefit Description**

**Organ/Tissue Transplants**

The following transplants **must** be performed at a **Blue Distinction Centers for Transplants** (see page [17](#) for more information):

- Blood or marrow stem cell transplants (adult and pediatric) listed on pages [63-64](#)
- Heart transplant (adult and pediatric)
  - Implantation of an artificial heart as a bridge to transplant or destination therapy (when performed in a Blue Distinction Center for Heart Transplants)
- Liver transplant (adult and pediatric)
- Lung:
  - For members with end-stage cystic fibrosis, benefits for lung transplantation are limited to double lung transplants
- Combination liver-kidney transplant
- Single, double, or lobar lung transplant (adult)

Note: For covered related transplant services, see pages [66](#) and [67](#).

**You Pay**

When performed in a Blue Distinction Centers for Transplants: 30% of the Plan allowance (deductible applies)

All other providers (Participating/Non-participating): You pay all charges

Note: Your provider will document the place of service when filing your claim for the procedure(s). Please contact the provider if you have any questions about the place of the service.

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## Benefit Description

The following transplants are not available in a Blue Distinction Centers for Transplants® and **must** be performed at a Preferred facility with a Medicare-Approved transplant program, if one is available (see below):

- Autologous pancreas islet cell transplant (as an adjunct to total or near total pancreatectomy) only for patients with chronic pancreatitis
- Corneal tissue transplant
- Heart-lung transplant
- Intestinal transplants (small intestine) and the small intestine with the liver or small intestine with multiple organs such as the liver, stomach, and pancreas
- Kidney transplant
- Pancreas transplant
- Combination liver-kidney transplant (pediatric)
- Combination pancreas-kidney transplant
- Single, double, or lobar lung transplant (pediatric)

## Notes:

- **Organ transplants** that are not available in a Blue Distinction Center for Transplants must be performed in a facility with a Medicare-Approved Transplant Program for the type of transplant anticipated. 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 Preferred facility that performs the procedure. If Medicare offers an approved program for an anticipated organ transplant, but your facility is not approved by Medicare for the procedure, please contact

your Local Plan at the customer service phone number appearing on the back of your ID card.

### **You Pay**

Preferred: 30% of the Plan allowance (deductible applies)

Non-preferred (Participating/Non-participating): You pay all charges

Note: Your provider will document the place of service when filing your claim for the procedure(s). Please contact the provider if you have any questions about the place of the service.

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