

State/Territory: SOUTH DAKOTA

STANDARDS FOR THE COVERAGE OF ORGAN TRANSPLANT SERVICES

The following standards and criteria must be met before organ transplant services are payable under the Medicaid program in South Dakota:

- a. All individuals desiring a transplant that are eligible for Medicare must apply to the Medicare program for coverage of the proposed transplant.
- b. A decision by Medicare that a transplant would not be covered by the Medicare program due to failure of the individual to meet the Medicare patient selection criteria will be binding upon the Medicaid program.
- c. Only human organs may be used for any transplant.
- d. Cornea and kidney transplants must be medically necessary.
- e. Bone marrow, lung, heart, liver and other transplants must be medically necessary and require prior authorization by the State Agency. Heart transplants must be performed at a Medicare-approved transplant center. Liver transplants must be performed at a Medicare-approved transplant center or a transplant center approved by the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network.
- f. Medical expenses for transplant donors are covered. However, these expenses are limited to the donor's hospital, physician, and laboratory charges.