

Answers to Common Questions Regarding Payment for Living Kidney Donation

- ✚ All costs related to a living kidney donation are billed to the insurance company that a recipient has at the time of the donation/transplant.
- ✚ If a donor develops complications **directly related to the donation**, costs associated with the complication are covered by the recipient's insurance.
- ✚ If the recipient changes insurance and a donor develops a complication related to the donation after the change, the insurance provider **at the time of the transplant** is responsible for the costs.
- ✚ If the insurance company does not pay, the recipient is responsible. This may include Co-pays and deductibles.
- ✚ Covered by the recipient's insurance
 - The donor evaluation, as ordered by the Transplant Team, to determine if person can donate
 - Hospitalization for donation surgery
 - Doctor fees related to donation
 - Follow-up lab work, and clinic appointments after donation
 - Complications related to donation
- ✚ Not Covered and not charged to recipient
 - Routine healthcare or preventative health screens completed through the donor's primary care provider.
 - Time off of work, lost wages, childcare
 - Travel expenses to and from the transplant center *
 - Miscellaneous expenses not directly related to donation

* For qualifying donor and recipients, donor travel costs may be covered through a grant. For more information, see the National Living Donor Assistance Center's website at livingdonorassistance.org or call the Living Donor Transplant Coordinator at (612) 863-8886.

For any questions regarding insurance coverage, call the Transplant Department's Financial Supervisor at 612-863-3652.