Clinical Review Criteria

Heart/Lung Transplant

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Criteria

For Medicare Members
See NCD for Heart Transplants (260.9) and the Approved Transplant Center.

For Non-Medicare Members
MCG* current edition Inpatient and Surgical Care Guidelines Clinical Indications for heart transplant and lung transplant must be met.

(*NOTE: The MCG Manuals are proprietary and cannot be published and/or distributed. However, on an individual member basis, Group Health can share a copy of the specific criteria document used to make a utilization management decision. If one of your patients is being reviewed using these criteria, you may request a copy of the criteria by calling the Group Health Clinical Review staff at 1-800-289-1363.)

The following information was used in the development of this document and is provided as background only. It is not to be used as coverage criteria. Please only refer to the criteria listed above for coverage determinations.

Background
This service is covered when it is medically necessary and identified as a benefit in the consumer’s coverage contract. Group Health adopted the MCG Guideline for medical necessity decision making.

Evidence/ Source Documents
The scientific literature is periodically reviewed and patient selection criteria are updated when new efficacy data becomes available.

Group Health Committee on Medically Emerging Technology
Transplant, Lung, Double - 7/12/91 - Double lung transplantation is efficacious for appropriately selected patients. Transplant, Lung, Single - 7/12/91 Single lung transplantation is efficacious for appropriately selected patients.

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