

ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION SERVICES

12 VAC 5-280-10. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

"Department" means Virginia Department of Health.

"Donor organ/organ system" means an organ/organ system retrieved from a cadaver or living donor, and processed under appropriate rules and protocols, for the purpose of surgical transplantation into a recipient selected in accordance with established guidelines and protocols.

"Health care financing administration (HCFA) medicare requirements" means those clinical, certification and administrative requirements and standards set by the HCFA of the United State Department of Health and Human Services to establish eligibility for Medicare program reimbursement.

"Minimum survival rates" means the lowest percentage of those receiving transplants who survive at least one year or for such other periods of times as specified by the department. Minimum survival rates not specified in these standards shall be established by the department as experience permits.

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"Minimum utilization" means the number of transplants expected to be performed annually.

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"Organ/organ system" means any of the number of clinically distinct components of the human body containing tissues performing a function for which it is especially adapted. Distinct organ/organ systems include, but are not limited to, kidney, heart, heart/lung, liver, and pancreas.

"Organ transplantation" means a set of medical procedures performed to remove surgically a defined diseased or nonfunctioning organ/organ system from a patient and replace it with a healthier functioning donor organ/organ system.

"Satellite clinic" means a scheduled program of outpatient services for pre- and/or post-transplant patients conducted at a site remote from the facility in which the organ transplant surgical services are provided which allows patients to obtain outpatient services associated with organ transplantation closer to their city or county of residence.

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12 VAC 5-280-30. Accessibility; travel time; access to available organs.

A. Organ transplantation services, of any type, should be accessible within two hours driving time, under normal conditions, of 95% of Virginia's population.

B. Providers of organ transplantation services should demonstrate to the satisfaction of the department that they have clearly defined patient/organ recipient policies based solely on medical criteria.

C. Providers of organ transplantation services should facilitate access to pre- and post-transplantation services needed by patients residing in distant locations by establishing part-time satellite clinics.

I certify that this regulation is full, true, and correctly dated.

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