



CMS Releases Final Decision to Expand Transplant Coverage for Sickle Cell Disease, Multiple Myeloma and Myelofibrosis

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) Coverage and Analysis Group has released its final decision to expand national coverage for allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplant for patients with sickle cell disease, multiple myeloma and myelofibrosis within the context of Coverage with Evidence Development. View the [CMS NCA Decision Memo](#) for details on this decision. We are pleased with this decision and believe it will increase access to transplant for patients with these diseases.

This coverage expansion is similar to the process currently in place for Medicare beneficiaries with myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS). In order for your patients with sickle cell disease, multiple myeloma or myelofibrosis to qualify for reimbursement, they must be enrolled in a CMS-approved clinical study that meets federal guidelines.

IMPORTANT: The decision requires that patients be enrolled in a CMS-approved study in order to qualify for reimbursement. There are no CMS-approved studies in place, so reimbursement from CMS for these indications is not yet available.

We are now working with CIBMTR to design the necessary studies and we will seek approval by CMS as quickly as possible. This process may take several months. We will keep you informed on this process.

Thank you for your support in this effort. Your participation, in conjunction with that of ASBMT and CIBMTR, was vital in helping achieve this result.

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- [Indications and Results of HLA-Identical Sibling Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation for Sickle Cell Disease](#)
- [Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation as Curative Therapy for Patients with Myelofibrosis: Long-Term Success in all Age Groups](#)

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