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Search Assistance Funds (SAF) for procurement/search activity

This letter is a pre-approval of funds up to \$20,000 provided by the National Marrow Donor Program® (NMDP) /Be The Match (BTM) for search and procurement activity billed by NMDP/BTM. The purpose of this pre-approval is to allow patients to begin a formal search of the National Marrow Donor Program Registry without delay due to inadequate insurance coverage. **Do not delay the search. Work with your Case Manager to request identified donors/cords.** After insurance has been processed the transplant center must request reimbursement by completing the Patient Financial Assistance application online and submitting required documentation. The amount awarded will vary by patient and will not exceed \$20,000 per transplant.

Reimbursable activities include, but are not limited to:

- Formal activation/supplier activation
- Draw of blood sample (tube of blood)
- Infectious disease marker testing and results
- Blood sample typing for confirmatory testing (typically billed by TC's lab)
- High resolution typing of donor
- Cord high resolution or confirmatory typing
- Procurement activities (information session, physical exam, pre-collection samples, international IDMs, workup-cancellation)

Required documentation:

- NMDP/BTM invoice(s) for requested reimbursement
- Proof of inadequate insurance. We prefer the explanation of benefits, but will also accept the denial letter from the insurance company, policy indicating lack of coverage or documented communication from the insurance company
- Online application – Network.BeTheMatchClinical.org/FinancialAssistance

If you have any questions please contact our Patient Financial Assistance Team at patientgrants@nmdp.org or (763) 406-8114

Sincerely,

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