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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 procurement and search activity. The purpose of this pre-approval is to allow qualifying patients to begin a formal search of the National Marrow Donor Program Registry without delay due to inadequate insurance coverage. The amount awarded will vary by patient and will not exceed $20,000 per transplant. Transplant centers must request reimbursement by completing the Patient Financial Assistance Application and submitting required documentation.

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
• Insurance appeal denial letter or documented communication from the insurance company
• Completed application https://nmdp.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9B0Kkn8piJ6GA3H

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

Sincerely,

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