



December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Search Assistance Funds (SAF) for procurement/search activity**

This letter serves as 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 or no insurance coverage. **Do not delay the search. Work with your Case Manager to request identified donors/cords.**

Once you have **all** the required documentation, you may apply for SAF reimbursement by completing the Patient Financial Assistance application on our website [here](#).

**Required documentation:**

- NMDP/BTM invoice(s) for requested reimbursement
  - Invoice(s) must not be more than 12 months old
  - Activities must be facilitated by NMDP/BTM
- Proof of inadequate insurance coverage
  - Explanation of Benefits
  - Policy documentation outlining lack of or no coverage
  - Claim denial from insurance company
    - We cannot accept the billing/payment account summary from TC
    - Prior Authorization denials will only be accepted if the decision is appealed and again denied
  - Attestation by health care team that patient is uninsured

**Reimbursable activities include, but are not limited to:**

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

The amount awarded will vary by patient and will not exceed \$20,000 per transplant.

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

Sincerely,

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