Policy References: Local Coverage Determination Immunosuppressive Drugs (L33824) and Policy Article (A52474)

Documentation References: Standard Documentation Requirements Policy Article (PA) A55426

The treating clinician must complete the following items:

- Standard Written Order (SWO)
- Medical record requirements (see below)

Medical Documentation

Only the immunosuppressive drugs listed in the LCD are covered (refer to the LCD link above). Drugs are covered if prescribed following a transplant (refer to Policy Article link above for covered ICD-10 diagnosis codes):

- Kidney, heart, liver, bone marrow/stem cell, lung, heart/lung transplant; or
- Whole organ pancreas transplant performed concurrent with or subsequent to a kidney transplant because of diabetic nephropathy (performed on or after 07/01/99); or
- Intestinal transplant (performed on or after 04/01/01); or
- Pancreatic islet cell transplant or partial pancreatic tissue transplantation (performed on or after 10/01/04), that is conducted as part of a National Institutes of Health-sponsored clinical trial; or
- Pancreas transplants alone (performed on or after 04/26/06) that meet the 6 criteria listed in the Policy Article (link above); and
- Transplant met Medicare coverage criteria in effect at the time (approved Medicare facility, national and/or local medical necessity criteria etc.); and
- Beneficiary was enrolled in Medicare Part A at the time of the transplant; and
- Beneficiary is enrolled in Medicare Part B at the time that the drug is dispensed; and
- Drugs are furnished on or after the date of discharge from the hospital following a covered organ transplant.

Azathioprine or Methylprednisolone

- Medication cannot be tolerated or absorbed if taken orally; and
- Medication is self-administered by the patient.

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