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General Comment

CMS-10798 Application for Part B Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage.

The state of Washington, Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (AL TSA), appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the Application for Part B Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage (Part B-ID).

Washington state agrees with the importance of CMS-10798 form and the beneficiaries need for ongoing Part B coverage allowing the patient access to, and coverage for, the necessary immunosuppressive drugs to prevent transplant rejection. The impact to the client is significant either way but, the negative impact imposed on the client without proactively completing the form post kidney transplant is grim if they do not have Part B coverage to cover the necessary medications. The CMS-10798 form might be advantageous for the Washington state PACE organizations due to its importance in allowing eligible PACE participants, who have received a kidney transplant, to continue receiving Medicare coverage for necessary immunosuppressive drugs (covered only by Part B) after their ESRD Medicare coverage would otherwise expire, ensuring they can access crucial medications to prevent organ rejection without needing to switch to another insurance plan; essentially, it provides a pathway for continued, dedicated coverage for post-transplant immunosuppressant drugs under Medicare Part B.