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February 22, 1994

The Honorable Don Samuelson
Minnesota Senate
124 Capitol
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Senator Samuelson:

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The Honorable Lee Greenfield
Minnesota House of Representatives
Room 375, State Office Building
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TRANSPLANT PROCEDURES
COST ESTIMATE

The following table shows annual Medical Assistance program cost estimates (in 000's) for adding transplant procedures recommended in the 1994 advisory committee on transplants annual report.

A. Autologous bone marrow transplant for chronic myelogenous leukemia. DHS recommends coverage.

Estimated Frequency	Federal Expenditures	State Expenditures	Total Cost
1	\$ 56	\$ 48	\$ 104

B. Pancreas transplant for hypoglycemic unawareness. DHS recommends coverage.

Estimated Frequency	Federal Expenditures	State Expenditures	Total Cost
1	\$ 54	\$ 47	\$ 101

C. Autologous bone marrow transplant for breast cancer. DHS does not recommend coverage.

Estimated Frequency	Federal Expenditures	State Expenditures	Total Cost
10	\$ 395	\$ 335	\$ 730

Costs in items A and B are costs of the inpatient stay for the transplant procedure. Costs in item C are net costs of the transplant after subtracting all costs of other treatment not provided because a bone marrow transplant was provided instead. The actual program cost of the procedure in item C is estimated at \$102,000 per transplant, or a total of \$1,020,000. (Net costs of procedures in A and B are not available.)

Advisory Committee on
Organ and Tissue Transplants

Annual Report
to the
Legislature
and
Department of Human Services

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0629, directs the Advisory Committee on Organ and Tissue Transplants to submit an annual report on medical assistance (MA) coverage of transplants to the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services and chairs of the health and human services divisions of the House Health and Human Services and Senate Family Services and Health Care Committees.

In meetings of the Committee on September 16, 1993, and October 13, 1993, the following recommendations concerning additional transplant coverage and general transplant policy were made:

RECOMMENDED TRANSPLANT	CRITERIA	FACILITY
Autologous Bone Marrow	Stage II and above breast cancer	Center of Excellence (To be determined by Committee)
Autologous Bone Marrow	Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia	Must meet American Society of Hematology and Clinical Oncology Criteria
Pancreas	Hypoglycemic Unawareness	Must meet United Network for Organ Sharing Criteria Need must be confirmed by a second approved facility.

The Committee also recommends that:

- 1) Subcommittees be established to review new procedures such as liver-bowel transplants, and present findings to the Committee for consideration; and
- 2) The Department should not authorize out-of-state coverage of transplant procedures when approved Minnesota transplant centers have rejected the recipient as a transplant candidate, or when the recipient is already on a waiting list at an approved Minnesota facility.

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