Please use this template to create your own letter to the state contacts handling these issues.

Your letterhead

State Exchange Office, Health or Insurance Department Contact information

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

I am writing today to emphasize the incredible importance for small group and individual insurance plans and all Medicaid plans in your state to cover transplantation and related services, including immunosuppressive drugs.

I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Include information about…

1) who you are

2) your experience providing transplant services

3) transplant statistics for your state

4) an example of a patient who was positively impacted by a transplant.

If the state of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(your state) does not provide transplantation and related services in the exchange or in its Medicaid program, the consequences for patients could be dire. The consequences to the state budget could also be very negative. For instance, we know that while Medicare spends more than $86,000 per year on each dialysis patient, the average annual Medicare expenditure for a kidney transplant recipient is far less expensive - $24,000 (U.S. Renal Data System 2012 Annual Report).

As a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (physician, surgeon, nurse, etc), I know how critically important it is for our state to cover these essential health benefits. Given my/my practice’s expertise in the field of transplantation, I offer to assist your office in any way possible.

For example, I could help advise you on technical matters regarding transplantation, serve on advisory boards making benefit decisions, or participate in public forums. I can be reached at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,