




Living Organ Donors

Assistance with Travel, Lodging and Meals

Mission: To reduce financial disincentives to living organ donation

Many individuals may desire to become living donors for family or acquaintances, but lack the necessary resources to cover non-medical expenses not covered by insurance. The costs of being a donor can represent a substantial financial burden on the parties involved; for some, non-reimbursed expenses may make living donations impossible.

The National Living Donor Assistance Center (NLDAC) is established to provide greater access to transplantation for persons who want to donate, but cannot otherwise afford the travel and subsistence expenses associated with donation.

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Who can apply?

Any individual who will incur travel and other qualifying non-medical expenses toward living organ donation may apply to the NLDAC. The donor and recipient must be U.S. citizens or lawfully admitted residents of the U.S. with permanent residences in the U.S. or its territories.



What expenses are covered?

NLDAC provides up to \$6,000 in prospective reimbursement for hotel, travel and meal expenses related to the donor evaluation, donor surgery and donor follow up. Approved

applicants will receive a controlled value card (similar to a credit card) to pay for covered expenses for themselves and up to two accompanying persons.

Who can qualify?

If reimbursement to the donor is available from the recipient, a state compensation program, an insurance policy or any federal health benefits program, the donor would not qualify for this program. Otherwise, preference is given to donors and recipients with income less than or equal to 300% of HHS Poverty Guidelines. Documentation of recipient and donor income is required. Applications may also be approved with an income greater than 300% of HHS Poverty Guidelines, if financial hardship can be demonstrated. The social worker or transplant coordinator you are working with can help you determine if you are eligible and the appropriate preference category.

Where do I apply?

Your transplant program will file an application on your behalf to the NLDAC. After the application is received by NLDAC, a decision will be made by the Review Committee based on NLDAC Eligibility Guidelines, Criteria and Preference Categories.

When may an application be submitted?

Apply early! It is recommended to submit an application at least 6-8 weeks before the surgery or travel but no later than 10-15 business days before surgery. Applications may be submitted before the evaluation trip. If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact the NLDAC staff at 888-870-5002 / 703-414-1600 or send an email to: nldac@livingdonorassistance

Talk to your transplant professional and ask them how to apply on your behalf.

Call your transplant center and tell them you would like to apply for assistance to the National Living Donor Assistance Center (NLDAC).



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