

Tissue Transportation 2009

NATIONAL REFERENCE PRICE LIST FOR TISSUE TRANSPORTATION, EFFECTIVE FROM 1 JANUARY 2009

The following reference price list is not a set of tariffs that must be applied by medical schemes and/or providers. It is rather intended to serve as a baseline against which medical schemes can individually determine benefit levels and health service providers can individually determine fees charged to patients. Medical schemes may, for example, determine in their rules that their benefit in respect of a particular health service is equivalent to a specified percentage of the national health reference price list. It is especially intended to serve as a basis for negotiation between individual funders and individual health care providers with a view to facilitating agreements which will minimise balance billing against members of medical schemes. Should individual medical schemes wish to determine benefit structures, and individual providers determine fee structures, on some other basis without reference to this list, they may do so as well.

GENERAL RULES

001	Items in the section on blood transportation are only chargeable by providers with a "003" practice number (Accredited Blood and Blood Product Couriers)	06.00
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1 BLOOD TRANSPORTATION

Code	Description	Ver	Add	Accredited Blood and Blood Product Couriers	
				RVU	Fee
700	Routine compat collection: Collection of patient's blood compat by courier from hospital / clinic, other than as an emergency. Compat to be delivered to blood bank for cross match.	06.00		-	-
710	Routine blood / blood product collection: Collection and delivery of cross-matched blood/blood produce by courier from blood bank, other than as an emergency. Blood/blood product to be taken to hospital/clinic for patient.	06.00		-	-
720	Emergency blood / blood product collection: Collection of blood/blood product (without a full cross-match) where the driver has to wait for the blood/blood product and deliver it to the hospital (i.e. ROUND TRIP).	06.00		-	-
	Medical scheme may require verification of emergency and determine the nature of such required verification. May not be billed with 700, 710 or 730.	06.00			
730	Emergency blood / blood product collection following change of status of request: Collection of blood/blood product (with or without a full cross-match) where, after the original request was delivered to the blood bank by the courier as a routine request, the status of the request was subsequently changed by the hospital or clinic to an emergency necessitating a non-routine collection by the courier. Blood/blood product to be taken to hospital/clinic for patient.	06.00		-	-
	Medical scheme may require verification of change of status and determine the nature of such required verification. Typically billed with 700. May not be billed with 710.	06.00			
740	Long distance: Additional per km fee for collections further than 50km. This fee applies only to those kilometres in excess of 50 km. Supporting documentation required, illustrating distance traveled.	06.00		-	-