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Modelo de Aumento del Acceso a Trasplantes de Órganos (IOTA)

Este hospital de trasplante de riñón ha sido seleccionado por los Centros de Servicios de Medicare y Medicaid (CMS, por sus siglas en inglés) para participar en el Modelo de Aumento del Acceso al Trasplante de Órganos (IOTA, por sus siglas en inglés). El modelo IOTA tiene como objetivo aumentar el acceso a trasplantes que salvan vidas para los pacientes que viven con Enfermedad Renal en Etapa Final (ESRD) y reducir los gastos de Medicare.



¿Cómo funciona la participación en el Modelo IOTA?

- ▶ Este modelo se enfoca en proporcionar incentivos a los hospitales de trasplante de riñón seleccionados para aumentar el trasplante y está diseñado para apoyar una mayor coordinación de la atención, una mejor atención al paciente en el proceso de estar en la lista de espera y recibir un trasplante de riñón, y un mayor acceso a los trasplantes de riñón.
- ▶ A través de los pagos y políticas del modelo IOTA, CMS tiene como objetivo aumentar las capacidades de prestación de atención y la eficiencia de los hospitales de trasplante de riñón seleccionados para participar, con el objetivo de mejorar la calidad de la atención y reducir los gastos innecesarios. El Modelo IOTA solo afecta a los pagos en Medicare Original y no afecta a los pagos o servicios de los planes Medicare Advantage, los planes de medicamentos recetados de Medicare o los planes de seguro médico privados.



¿Cómo me afecta el modelo IOTA a mí, el paciente de Medicare?

- ▶ **Como paciente, el Modelo IOTA no cambia sus beneficios, opciones o protecciones existentes de Medicare.** No podemos limitar su elección de proveedores de atención médica u opciones de tratamiento o servicios médicamente necesarios cubiertos por Medicare. Todavía tiene derecho a visitar a cualquier médico, hospital u otro proveedor que acepte Medicare Original en cualquier momento, tal como lo hace ahora.



¿Qué información se compartirá sobre mí?

- ▶ Medicare comparte información sobre su atención con sus proveedores de atención médica, como las fechas y horas en que visitó a un proveedor de atención y sus condiciones médicas. Compartir sus datos ayuda a garantizar que todos los proveedores involucrados en su atención tengan acceso a su información de salud cuando y donde la necesiten.
- ▶ **Valoramos su privacidad.** Los participantes de IOTA deben establecer salvaguardas importantes para asegurarse de que toda su información de atención médica esté segura. Respetamos su decisión sobre cómo se utiliza su información de atención médica para la coordinación de la atención y la mejora de la calidad.
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¿Cómo puedo aprovechar al máximo la atención del modelo IOTA?

- ▶ Como paciente de Medicare, puede elegir o cambiar de proveedor en cualquier momento. El nefrólogo es el proveedor de atención médica responsable de coordinar la atención general de la enfermedad relacionada con el riñón. Su nefrólogo puede ayudarlo a tomar decisiones informadas sobre su atención médica, hacer un seguimiento de su tratamiento y monitorear sus resultados de salud.



¿Qué pasa si tengo dudas sobre ser parte del modelo IOTA?

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Dear Patient,

The NVUM - University Medical Center of Southern Nevada Kidney Transplant Program is proud to share that we have achieved the highest transplant rate and best post-transplant survival outcomes in the Western Region. This is based on national metrics published in January 2025 by the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (www.srtr.org), and means that patients at NVUM University Medical Center of Southern Nevada receive kidney transplants faster and that those transplants last longer than when done at nearly all other centers in the country. We are writing to inform you that we are one of 103 programs across the country that has been chosen by Medicare to be included in the Increasing Organ Transplant Access (IOTA) payment model. IOTA adjusts Medicare payments to the transplant hospital based on achieving excellent outcomes and access to transplant. Our participation in this model will not change the excellent transplant services that we provide. We will continue to work to get patients transplanted rapidly and successfully.

If you have questions about our participation in this model, please send a MyChart message or call our office at 702-383-2224.

Sincerely,
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