

**Closed Session Minutes**  
**of the**  
**Maryland Commission on Kidney Disease**  
**July 28, 2022**

Upon motion made in public session, Vice Chairperson Sumeska Thavarajah called for adjournment of the Public Session into closed session to discuss the following item:

**1. Discussion of the Kidney Disease Program’s Reimbursement for Out-of-State Transplantation and Post -Transplant Services. General Provisions Article, § 3-103(a)(1)(i)**

The Closed Session was called to order at 3:00 p.m. and held under the authority of § 3-103 of the General Provisions Article.

In attendance via Google Meet, in addition to Vice Chairperson Thavarajah, were Commissioners’ Chiat, Costa, Guthrie, Hanes, Hires, Korgaonkar, Leon, Sylvester, and Yospin were present.

In attendance via Google Meet representing Staff was Eva Schwartz, Executive Director and Donna Adcock, RN, Surveyor.

In attendance via Google Meet representing the Maryland Kidney Disease Program was Carol Manning.

Also attending via Google Meet was Leslie Schulman, Commission Counsel.

**Item One**

Carol Manning, Executive Director of the Maryland Kidney Disease Program (KDP) discussed policy issues related to KDP’s reimbursement for out-of-state transplantation services and post-transplant services. Ms. Manning noted that KDP is a payor of last resort with limited funding for renal transplant services rendered outside of Maryland hospitals. She also noted that KDP reimbursement for out-of-state transplantation services is limited to the actual transplant service and does not include follow-up care. Out of state outpatient labs and bloodwork can be reimbursed by KDP.

The Commissioners discussed their role and responsibilities in providing KDP written preauthorization for inpatient renal transplantation reimbursement outside of Maryland hospitals. In deciding whether to give KDP preauthorization to provide coverage for an outlier case, the Commission would need to obtain sufficient documentation to determine if continuity of care outside of Maryland hospitals is justified.

Upon Motion made, the Closed Session was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.