

## **Program for Reimbursing Expenses of Living Organ Donors, Bulletin II, April 23, 2008**

Trillium Gift of Life Network has been accepting applications for the Program for Reimbursing Expenses of Living Organ Donors (PRELOD) since April 1, 2008. Through feedback obtained since the launch of PRELOD, it has been identified that few areas of the application process require further clarification. Please see below for clarification on eligibility for reimbursement of travel, parking/transit, meal allowance and other.

**(1) Travel:** Eligibility for reimbursement of travel expenses is dependent on the distance between the donor's place of residence and the transplant hospital, where:

- If 60 km or greater one-way, eligible to apply for reimbursement of mileage
- If 100 km or greater one-way, eligible to apply for reimbursement of economy air/train

Travel is constituted as a roundtrip to and from the transplant hospital and the donor's place of residence.

**(2) Parking/Transit:** Ensure that proof of parking/transit is obtained to support your claim for reimbursement. If a receipt is not issued, please provide a parking stub or transit transfer with your *Application Form* for consideration.

**(3) Meal Allowance:** Please note that meal allowance is in lieu of reimbursement of meals and accommodation. This may include situations where the donor stays with friends or family and makes a contribution to the household for food/board.

**(4) Other:** A living organ donor may apply to this category on an exceptional basis only for childcare and in lieu of loss of income. This category is for a living organ donor who is a non-working parent. Reimbursement of childcare will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact TGLN to discuss what is required to apply to this category prior to submitting the *Application Form*.

The eligible out-of-pocket expenses that may be considered for reimbursement includes only travel, parking/transit, meals, accommodations, meal allowance, other (e.g. child care) and a loss of income subsidy after surgery. PRELOD is a last-resort program which aims to reduce the financial burden associated with the living donation process. Accordingly, reimbursement of prescriptions, entertainment and telephone will not be reimbursed through PRELOD.

Also, please note that as clarified by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, PRELOD will accept applications from donors who have preemptively donated an organ to an Ontario recipient (i.e. patient on dialysis who was not yet listed for an organ with the living donor transplant program).

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact PRELOD at PRELOD@giftoflife.on.ca or 1-888-9-PRELOD.