



Georgia Transplant Foundation

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Dental Assistance Program Patient Information Sheet

The Georgia Transplant Foundation (GTF) offers the Dental Assistance Program to address the needs of pre-transplant patients working to get listed for an organ transplant and post-transplant patients who have significant sources of infection. The goal of any dental work provided by GTF is to clear infection, not necessarily to complete a full scope of potential dental needs. Follow-up care, including routine cleanings, will be your responsibility.

Eligibility:

1. Pre-transplant patients – your transplant center is requiring dental clearance as the FINAL item required to be listed for transplant.
2. Post-transplant patients – your transplant center has documented a serious health risk (such as risk of infection) due to needed dental treatment.

How to Apply:

1. Contact your dialysis or transplant center social worker to discuss the need. Verify with your social worker that your dental needs and transplant center requirements fit within the eligibility guidelines.
2. Schedule an appointment with a dentist. This appointment is at the your (the patient's) expense. GTF does not cover the cost of this visit.
3. Explain your needs and the assistance program to your dentist. Give your dentist the "Dental Provider Information Sheet" and fee schedule for review.
4. If your dentist agrees to the terms of the program, ask the dentist to sign the Provider Agreement Form and return it to you along with a treatment plan.
5. Complete the GTF Financial Assistance Application in its entirety and submit to your social worker, along with the Provider Agreement Form and treatment plan from your dentist. **Do not schedule dental work until your application is processed and approved by GTF or you will be responsible for payment.**

Process:

1. Your social worker will submit your application to GTF. GTF will review the application and notify your social worker of decision.
2. GTF will notify your dentist of the approval and amount agreed upon for payment. Approval is good for 90 days for the services listed in the treatment plan. Be sure to make and keep your dental appointments in order to get the work completed within 90 days.
3. Upon completion of all treatment, your dental provider will fax the bill to GTF for payment of previously agreed amount. GTF will issue payment directly to dental office within 10 business days.
4. Patient should notify their social worker and/or transplant center of the completion of dental work.