

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Dallas Regional Office  
1301 Young Street, Room 827  
Dallas, Texas 75202



**DIVISION OF SURVEY & CERTIFICATION, REGION VI**

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July 31, 2014

CMS Certification Number (CCN):04P001

Michael Hudson  
Arkansas Regional Organ Recovery Agency  
1701 Aldersgate Road, Suite 4  
Little Rock, AR 72205

Dear Administrator:

On May 9, 2014 representatives of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) conducted a federal recertification survey of your Organ Procurement Organization (OPO). CMS found that your facility is in compliance with all Conditions of Participation (CoP).

The following counties of Arkansas in your designated service area (DSA):

Arkansas	Conway	Izard	Nevada	Searcy
Ashley	Crawford	Jackson	Newton	Sebastian
Baxter	Dallas	Jefferson	Qauchita	Sevier
Benton	Desha	Johnson	Perry	Sharp
Boone	Drew	Lafayette	Pike	Stone
Bradley	Faulkner	Lincoln	Poinsett	Union
Calhoun	Franklin	Little River	Polk	Van Buren
Carroll	Fulton	Logan	Pope	Washington
Chicot	Garland	Lonoke	Prairie	White
Clark	Grant	Madison	Pulaski	Woodruff
Cleburne	Hempstead	Marion	Randolph	Yell
Cleveland	Hot Springs	Monroe	Saline	
Columbia	Howard	Montgomery	Scott	

Please note that the county of Independence is not in your DSA. Independence County is assigned to Mid-America Transplant; however White River Medical Center, which is in Independence County, has a waiver from CMS to continue its agreement with Arkansas Regional Organ Recovery Agency. See the enclosed letter from 1997.

Please report any changes in staffing, services or any other characteristics, which might affect your certification status to our office at the address listed above. If you have any questions concerning

certification please contact Emily Townsend at [emily.townsend@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:emily.townsend@cms.hhs.gov) or (214) 767-4409 or questions on clinical issues please contact Susana Cruz at [susana.cruz@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:susana.cruz@cms.hhs.gov) or (214) 767-4415.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Townsend, for".

Gregory Socio, Manager  
Certification Branch

Enclosures: Form CMS-576A and 1997 Letter to White River Medical Center

**HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS AGREEMENT  
AGREEMENT WITH ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION PURSUANT TO §1138(b) OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (the Act)**

For the purpose of establishing eligibility under titles XVIII and XIX of the Act APRONSAS Regional Organ Recovery Agency hereinafter referred to as the Organ Procurement Organization, hereby agrees; (Insert Name of Facility)

- (A) To maintain compliance with the requirements of titles XVIII and XIX of the Act, §1138 of the Act, applicable regulations including the conditions set forth in Part 486, subpart G, title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, those conditions of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network established under §372 of the Public Health Service Act that have been approved by the Secretary, and to report promptly to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) any failure to do so;
  - (B) To file a cost report in accordance with 42 CFR 413.24(f) within 5 months after the end of each fiscal year;
  - (C) To permit CMS to designate an intermediary to determine the interim reimbursement rate payable to the transplant hospitals for services provided by the OPO and to make a determination of reasonable cost based upon the cost report filed by the OPOs;
  - (D) To provide such budget or cost projection information as may be required to establish an initial interim reimbursement rate;
  - (E) To pay to CMS amounts that have been paid by CMS to transplant hospitals and that are determined to be in excess of the reasonable cost of the services provided by the OPO;
  - (F) Not to charge any individual for items or services for which that individual is entitled to have payment made under §1881 of the Act;
- This agreement, upon submission by the Organ Procurement Organization and upon acceptance for filing by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall be binding on the Organ Procurement Organization and the Secretary. The agreement may be terminated by either party in accordance with regulatory requirements. In the event of de-certification, costs for the procurement of organs will not be available to the Organ Procurement Organization furnished on or after the effective date of the de-certification.
- This agreement shall become effective on the date specified below by the Secretary or his Delegate, and shall remain in effect as specified by 42 CFR 486.309 unless the OPO is de-certified.

FOR THE ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION	ACCEPTED FOR SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BY:
NAME <i>Michael Hulme / Michael Hurson</i>	NAME <i>Jessica Ortiz</i>
TITLE <i>Executive Director</i>	TITLE <i>Associate Regional Administrator</i>
DATE <i>May 6 2014</i>	DATE <i>June 12, 2014</i>
EFFECTIVE DATE OF AGREEMENT <i>August 1, 2014</i>	

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-0512. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 2 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to CMS, Attn: PRA Reports Clearance Officer, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.



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Health Care Financing Administration

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Gary L. Bebow  
Administrator/CEO  
White River Medical Center  
1710 Harrison Street  
P.O. Box 2197  
Batesville, Arkansas 72503-2197

Dear Mr. Bebow:

This is in response to your letter dated December 27, 1995 concerning your request for a waiver to allow White River Medical Center to continue its agreement with the Arkansas Regional Organ Recovery Agency (ARORA) rather than its designated Organ Procurement Organization (OPO), Mid-America Transplant Association. We reviewed all of the information submitted concerning the waiver and in accordance with Section 1138(a)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act we are approving your request. Your hospital has submitted information as required by this section. This request for a waiver has been published for comment and has not been contested. You may continue your relationship with the ARORA of Little Rock, Arkansas.

The designated OPO, requested OPO and the affected regional office will be notified of our decision.

Please contact Sandy Zachary of my staff on (410) 786-4565 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Lana K. Price  
Director  
Division of End-Stage Renal Disease

cc:  
Arkansas Regional Organ Recovery Agency ✓  
Mid-America Transplant Association  
Regional Office, Dallas  
Regional Office, Kansas City

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