

Anesthesia SOMB Codes

Procedure	SOMB Code
Total Hepatectomy Donor	62.3B
Donor Heart/ Lung Resection	45.6B
Donor Cardiectomy*	49.5B
Donor Pneumonectomy*	45.5B
Donor Pancreas Removal (Code does not apply to pancreas removal for islet cells only)	64.81B
Donor Nephrectomy (no specific SOMB anesthesia fee therefore use general codes such as 13.99M or anesthesia-specific time-base codes)	13.99M (covers first 35 minutes) Donor Maintenance during cadaveric organ harvesting

*Alberta Health will not pay for both 49.5B and 45.5B on the same patient. If both heart and lungs are recovered, bill for code 45.6B.

If donor has Alberta Health Care number: submit claim utilizing this number. Add text/ note in “comments” section: Organ Procurement - Date/ Time. Claimant may need to enter Time of Death as Service Date to enable billing/ payment.

If donor has Provincial Health Care from outside Alberta, but within Canada: submit claims utilizing this number to Alberta Health – medical services will be covered through provincial reciprocity with the exception of Quebec. Quebec claims must be submitted separately to Quebec.

If donor does not have Provincial Health Care or is from outside of Canada: Send claim form to Alberta Health under RECIPIENT Alberta Health Care number. Must claim medical services for each specific organ recovery to the recipient of that organ. On Anesthesia Claim form, put “Organ Retrieval – Donor No Coverage” in text box. This will be charged through the recipients provincial health care coverage – contact the Southern Alberta Organ Donation Program for recipient information. 403-944-8700

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