Organ Donation Grief Counseling Pilot Program

After a sudden death of a loved one, families may look toward grief counseling to help them heal. Recognizing the importance of grief counseling, the Pennsylvania Department of Health has partnered with the two organ procurement organizations in Pennsylvania—Gift of Life Donor Program (GLDP) and Center for Organ Recovery and Education (CORE) for a unique pilot program. Funded by the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund, families of deceased organ donors from across Pennsylvania will have access to grief counseling at no cost to them.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Families of deceased organ donors
- Legal next of kin and immediate family members of the donor
- Must be a Pennsylvania resident

Services:

- Up to eight (8) free grief counseling sessions from an approved provider
- Approved providers have completed the PA Donor Family Grief Counseling Training
- Each eligible family can receive a total of eight(8) sessions of any combination of individual, family or couples counseling
- Sessions must be used within six (6) months of the initial visit
- Counselors will be reimbursed for either your co-pay or the agreed upon rate of $80.00 per session

What you should know:

- Additional counseling sessions are the responsibility of the donor family
- If your health insurance policy has mental health coverage, this program will cover the co-pay
- Contact Gift of Life Donor Program (GLDP) 1-800-366-6771 or Center for Organ Recovery and Education (CORE) 1-800-366-6777 for further information.

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