
Fact sheet – useful information for donors

What is the SVK?

The [SVK](#) is an association that offers services relating to transplants, assessments, examinations and other matters for its affiliated [insurers and institutional clients](#). This includes reviewing and approving requests for compensation, monitoring the progress of treatment, reviewing and approving invoices from service providers and forwarding approved invoices to insurers for payment.

Who bears the cost of my preliminary examinations?

According to Article 14 of the Transplantation Act, all costs incurred in relation to an organ or stem cell donation are borne by the recipient's insurer.

If the recipient is not yet known, the transplant centre bears the costs on an interim basis by paying an advance → see circular on [altruistic donations](#).

Please inform your doctor or service provider that the examination is for a donation and must be invoiced to the recipient.

Does my health insurer not receive any invoices?

No, all invoices relating to your donation are addressed to the recipient's insurer. Under Article 14 of the Transplantation Act, you are not liable for these.

Do I have to bear a share of the resulting costs (excess or co-payment)?

Since the recipient's insurer bears all of the costs, nothing is charged to your health insurance, so no excess or co-payment applies.

Please contact your health insurer if any invoices relating to the donation appear on your policy statement.

Can I request compensation for other costs that arise in connection with the donation?

You are entitled to request compensation for loss of earnings and other expenses incurred in connection with your donation. For more information, see [Loss of earnings compensation for living donors \(svk.org\)](#).

Where can I find further information?

The transplant centre's coordination office can provide you with further information.

If the recipient is not yet registered with a transplant centre, please contact his or her doctor.