

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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Ministerial order no. 6155/2006 (2nd series). — Ministerial order no. 3549/2001, published in the *Diário da República*, 2nd series, no. 43, of 20 February 2001, modified by Rectification no. 1303/2001, of 30 May, updated the funding amounts to be attributed to the services and institutions of the National Health Service (SNS) that implement acts of procurement and transplant of organs.

This update aims to support the added costs resulting from carrying out such acts, including the costs related to payments made to professionals directly involved in this process and to encourage the procurement and transplantation of organs, through concession of incentives to the services. This ministerial order will only apply to the Portuguese mainland, given that a protocol of cooperation was signed on 5 May 1998 between the Ministry of Health and the Regional Secretariat of Social Affairs of the Autonomous Region of the Madeira, together with an amendment to the aforementioned protocol, signed on 30 November 2002, that extends application of the regulation on hospital units of the National Health Service (SNS) - in terms of procurement of organs - to Funchal Hospital Centre. The same situation does not take place in relation to the Autonomous Region of the Azores, given that, by virtue of the principle of equality and in order to guarantee an activity of a national dimension, it is urgent to extend the scope of application of the specified ministerial order to this Region. The amounts established herein are also converted to euros.

Hence, the following is determined:

1 — The following amounts will be attributed to the institutions and services of the SNS and of the Regional Health Service of the Azores where acts of procurement and transplant are carried out:

- a) Histocompatibility exam (per transplanted organ) € 1097,36;
- b) Procurement of a specific tissue type for transplant — € 498,80;
- c) Procurement of organs for transplant — € 4987,98;
- d) Kidney transplant — € 12 469,95;
- e) Pancreas transplant — € 14 963,94;
- f) Heart transplant — € 24 939,89;
- g) Liver transplant — € 54 867,77;
- h) Lung transplant — € 54 867,77;
- i) Intestine transplant — € 54 867,77;
- j) Transplant of hematopoietic cells (includes procurement):
 - 1) With non-related donor — € 54 867,77;
 - 2) Autologous — € 29 927,87;
 - 3) Allogenic — € 39 903,83;
- l) Cornea Transplant — € 1596,15.

2 — The amount of € 548,68, for each organ removed, will be attributed to the institutions and services of the SNS that have a procurement coordination unit of organs and transplantation, provided that this unit coordinated this activity.

3 — The amounts specified in the previous numbers will be granted to institutions, in the form of an extraordinary subsidy, by the Institute of Financial and Computing Management of the Health Service (IGIF), as follows:

3.1 — The amounts related to histocompatibility exams will be attributed to the respective histocompatibility centre;

3.2 — The amounts specified in paragraphs *b)* and *c)* of no. 1 will be attributed to the institution where the procurement was carried out, and should preferably be assigned to improving the technical and scientific conditions of the services involved;

3.3 — In cases in which the procurement of organ/tissue is processed by a team that pertains to an institution other than that in which the procurement took place, the funding amount will be attributed as follows:

3.3.1 — 80 % to the institution where the procurement was carried out;

3.3.2 — 20 % to the institution of the team that implemented the procurement;

3.4 — The amounts related to transplants will be attributed to the institution where the transplant was carried out.

4 — In order for institutions to be able to benefit from this subsidy, the transplantation management plan should be sent annually, to the Portuguese Transplantation Organisation (OPT), that will then be submitted for approval from the Minister of Health.

5 — Institutions that carry out acts under the framework of this ministerial order should send monthly reports to the OPT, which, after analysis thereof will send them to the IGIF.

6 — The funding is guaranteed by the IGIF as follows:

6.1 — 90 % upon implementation of the transplant;

6.2 — 10 % upon full compliance with the objectives established in the management plan.

7 — Transplants made to patients of the subsystems will not be subject to specific funding, however the respective implementation should be communicated to the OPT.

8 — If it is necessary to transport organs or tissues removed in the Autonomous Region of the Azores, the respective cost will be borne by the IGIF.

9 — The present ministerial order enters into force on the day after its publication, wherein the amounts specified in no. 1 should be revised annually.

10 — Ministerial order no. 3549/2001, published in the *Diário da República*, 2nd series, no. 43, of 20 February 2001, is revoked.

17 January 2006.— The Minister of Health, *António Fernando Correia de Campos*