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EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:

This transmittal publishes a new DCMWC Procedure Manual chapter. Chapter 3-501, Lung Transplants, This chapter provides guidelines and procedures for the authorization of pre-transplant evaluations and lung transplants for living miners entitled to benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act (BLBA), whose benefits are paid by the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund (TF) including interim pay beneficiaries.

In addition, this chapter contains procedures describing reimbursement of traveling expenses specifically related to pre-transplant evaluations and lung transplants, as well as the requirements of medical documentation necessary for eligibility subject to approval of pre-transplant evaluations or lung transplants procedures.

The chapter will be posted to the Black Lung Library and uploaded to the DCMWC Website.

Action: Staff should review the chapter and refer to it as needed.

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Distribution: All DCMWC Staff and National Administrator-DCMWC-Black Lung Field Operations