

DONOR BENEFIT PROGRAMS

REASONS FOR YOUR GROUP TO SPONSOR BLOOD DRIVES

- Providing blood and blood components for patients in need is a shared community responsibility.
- One in seven people entering the hospital needs blood.
- Every two seconds someone needs a blood transfusion.
- By scheduling regular blood drives you are helping ensure blood is available for area patients.
- You will create a sense of comradery within your organization.
- You will provide your members with an added value benefit.

GROUP BENEFIT

Any business, club, church, or association may participate:

The term "group membership" refers to the number of company employees, club members, active families, or association members. When at least 40% of group's membership donates, coverage extends to all members, spouses, and tax dependents.

Required number of donations must be completed within six months of beginning date, unless the group holds more than two drives per plan year.

Group members may donate at any LifeShare location and choose to give credit to any group.

Coverage is effective immediately and extends one year from date of the first drive.

Plan agreement is signed each year by organization's leader and chairperson.

Any group may choose to exclude members over age 65 from the total. The Medicare blood deductible is not charged to patients at hospitals where LifeShare supplies blood.

if group does not meet 40% donation requirement, donors are still covered under the Family Benefit Option.

If a group does not reach 40% within specified time frame, additional blood drives may be scheduled.

Student blood drives are not eligible for the Group Benefit Option.

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LifeShare Blood Center is a nonprofit organization that supplies blood and blood components to community hospitals predominately in the south central United States. This is possible because people volunteer to donate.

A **Donor Benefit Plan** is available for these volunteers. The benefit plan is a reimbursement of up to \$500 per eligible person for processing fees of blood and blood components transfused at any U.S. Hospital.

While there is no charge for blood itself, there is a processing fee for blood collection, testing, storage, and distribution. Hospital charges such as "type and crossmatch," "transfusion fees," or "administrative fee," are not eligible for reimbursements.

To become eligible for this benefit, you must either be a donor or participant in a group that sponsors blood drives that meet eligibility requirements.

The Family Benefit option is available to donors who donate blood, plasma or platelets. The donor receives benefits that begin with the date of their last donation. Coverage is extended to the donor, spouse and tax dependents. A student donor who is a tax dependent is given coverage for donor, parents and other tax dependents living in the home.

Coverage extends for one year from the date of the last donation and is effective immediately for blood used due to accident or childbirth, and 30 days after the first donation for all other conditions. Donors renewing existing blood plans are exempt from the 30-day waiting period.

At time of donation, donor may waive the plan for self and designate benefits in another person's name. (Must provide name, address, and contact information of designee)

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A **Group Benefit** option is available to any business, club, church, or association meeting group requirements.

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