Aborted Tissue Programs

January 5, 2011

Notes from call with Roger Evans, Johanna Morfesis, Elizabeth Talmont, Deborah Nucatola, 

Clinical Services sought background/historical information from Johanna Morfesis, Elizabeth Talmont, and Roger Evans about aborted tissue programs. In 2001 a memo was sent to affiliates that outlined the laws on aborted tissue donation programs and the requirement to maintain scrupulous accounting information to be able to prove that payments received cover administrative costs only.

We recently learned that some affiliates:
1. Are including blood samples along with the aborted tissue
2. Made alterations to the PPFA CIIC
3. Are receiving payments to cover administrative costs associated with the program

It was determined that including a blood sample is acceptable. Roger approved the alterations in the CIIC language.

Follow-up steps:
1. Original memo from 2001 will be reviewed by Roger when he returns to the office next week and resent to affiliates that are currently participating in aborted tissue programs.
2. Roger and or others will call affiliates that need additional guidance.
3. In the future, Roger will review aborted tissue CIICs altered by affiliates
4. And Deb will share the memo with accreditation.
5. and Deb will discuss with accreditation at next CS/AED meeting.
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To: Nucatola, Deborah
Cc: Evans, Roger; Talmont, Elizabeth; Morfesis, Johanna
Subject: summary of brief aborted tissue program meeting

1/24-11
Follow up meeting
Aborted Tissue Programs
Present: Roger Evans, Elizabeth Talmont, Johanna Morfesis
The memo from 10 years ago was briefly discussed and deemed perfectly adequate as is for re-release. Clinical Services will send to affiliate CEOs, Medical Directors and PSDs with a very brief email introduction. Messages in email:
1. Reminder to seek approval to change CLIKs
2. Taking opportunity to remind affiliates about these issues given time / staffing changes.
Grace will send email blurb to Roger before sending to affiliates.

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