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transplant or they simply die. This program allows the donation of unused immunosuppressant drugs to transplant centers, and then allows transplant centers to represcribe those unused drugs to patients who need them. This program is only for our two transplant centers, UNMC and BryanLGH. The transplant center participation is voluntary. A transplant center must notify HHS in writing of their choice to participate. Under the provisions of this amendment, unused immunosuppressant drugs may be returned to the transplant center and...that originated the prescription if the drugs are in the original, unopened, sealed, and tamper-evident packaging; their expiration date is after the donation date; they may donate unlimited number of doses; the drugs may not be resold; drugs that expire in the repository cannot be represcribed; transplant centers will be required to keep records of donated drugs; and the amendment provides reasonable care liability protection for those who donate, accept, distribute, and dispense immunosuppressant drugs under the program. This is a very restricted program, limited to the UNMC and BryanLGH, and only if they choose to participate. The number of immunosuppressant drugs is very small. Drugs must be returned to the transplant center that originated the prescription. Keep in mind the many different costs of organ transplant: lost wages and jobs, lost family time, high medical expenses, insurance costs. Many times a patient is a Medicare or Medicaid recipient, so the state has a significant investment in their care. In addition, there is the huge loss suffered by donor families. This program is a way to protect the health of organ transplant patients and to protect the substantial investment of emotion, sacrifice, and medical...I can't even talk...medical expertise that goes into every successful organ transplant. This program will allow us to protect organ transplant patients from dying or losing their transplant if they're unable to afford their medication. It will provide transplant patients with vital medication to tide them over while a more permanent solution is found to pay for their drugs. Please support this amendment, AM2814. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator McDonald. Further discussion? Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President, just one short note. When this