

**Blood Component Return/Reimbursement Guidelines**  
**Job Aid for SOP-HS-01-005**

- To encourage judicious inventory management practices by Memorial Blood Centers and each of our customers for the benefit of all customers served.
- To allow hospitals to establish their own criteria for managing their unique patient population, sharing in the cost of meeting their inventory needs.

COMPONENT	GUIDELINES		
Red Blood Cells—acceptable for reissue	<b>MBC</b>	AB+/-	Unit(s) cannot be returned, if not used complete request for credit request (Form-IT-005)
		B+/-	Unit(s) with > 10 days to out date may be returned Unit(s) with ≤10 days will be charged Unit(s) consigned with ≤10 days will not be charged if not used
	<b>MBC-M</b>	A+/-, O+/-	Unit(s) with >3 days to outdate may be returned Unit(s) with ≤3 days will be charged Unit(s) consigned with ≤3 days will not be charged if not used
	<b>MBC-D</b>	A+/-, O+/-	Unit(s) with >7 days to outdate may be returned Unit(s) with ≤7 days will be charged Unit(s) consigned with ≤7 days will not be charged if not used
Autologous Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospital is charged—No returns accepted</li> </ul>		
Directed Donation Component—acceptable for reissue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be returned to Blood Center</li> <li>• Hospital credited for the component service fee and charged for the Directed Processing fee.</li> </ul>		
Components collected/prepared at the hospital request: Buffy Coats, Modified Components (Washed, Deglyced, volume reduced etc.), Quint/Quad Pediatric Blood Cells	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discard at Hospital</li> <li>• Report Disposition</li> <li>• Hospital is charged</li> </ul>		
Apheresis Platelets—General Inventory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If units have &gt; 48 hours credit is given for returned component</li> <li>• If &lt; 24 hours (day of expiration) Hospital is charged—No returns accepted unless requested by MBC</li> <li>• Returns accepted with &gt; 24 hours but &lt; 48 hours to expiration, component fee is charged</li> <li>• If returned unit can be used, component charge will be credited</li> </ul>		
Apheresis Platelets—Reserved for a specific patient (by hospital request—yellow sticker): HLA-matched Special typing (PIA1) Cross-matched	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sent to hospital when available</li> <li>• Charged to hospital if not used</li> <li>• If used by alternate hospital—collection fee of \$250.00 + special fees (HLA, cross-matched, irradiation) charged to requesting hospital; receiving hospital charged \$250.00</li> <li>• All fees associated with units imported to meet a patient's specific need are passed on to the hospital</li> </ul>		
Frozen Plasma Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &gt; 3 months to outdate—may be returned</li> </ul>		
Component not available at MBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MBC physician consulted for alternative</li> <li>• If hospital chooses not to use suggested alternative, hospital charged full cost of imported component</li> <li>• If no alternative, MBC assumes cost of imported alternative</li> </ul>		