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U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
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RE: Revised systems of records notice (SORN) for System No. 09-15-0055 (1 Aug. 2022)

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

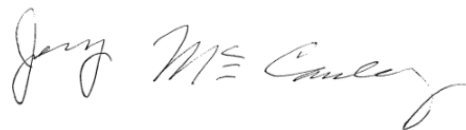
The Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed revisions to system of records 09-15-0055, "Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN)/Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR) Data System," as published to the Federal Register on August 1, 2022. We are pleased to see these proposed changes, which are consistent with our previous discussions and draft reviews.

The OPTN supports the proposed changes, which expand the system purposes, record sourcing and record sharing to include individuals' health care providers, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), CMS contractors, and other organizations providing clinical care. Specifically, record sharing with dialysis centers will have a positive impact on patients in need of a kidney transplant.

This expansion of data sourcing and sharing with those directly providing clinical care can improve the monitoring of individual's status in the OPTN system. It can also inform the individual's clinical care team to assist in registering candidates on the Waitlist and in facilitating organ placement and matching donor organs with recipients.

Thank you again for this opportunity and please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Jerry McCauley, MD
President, OPTN Board of Directors