

To: Liver transplant program directors
Liver transplant program administrators
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Subject: Liver Committee update, September 2018

We want to continue to update you on the status of major projects involving the OPTN/UNOS Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee.

Liver distribution policy modeling

The SRTR has completed simulation modeling of the policy alternatives our committee discussed in June and July. While we recommended modeling of several different parameters, the basic framework involves a fixed distance radius (concentric circles) surrounding the donor hospital. The framework would provide the broadest initial access to organ offers for the most medically urgent candidates, followed by more local access for less urgent candidates.

The simulation results are posted on the OPTN website for your review. Our committee is also reviewing the results this week.

Policy recommendations and special public comment

Our committee will assess the modeling results and develop by early next week a proposal for special public comment beginning Monday, October 8. The OPTN/UNOS Policy Oversight Committee and Executive Committee must also review and vote on the proposal prior to its publication for public comment.

You will have multiple opportunities to learn more about the proposal and provide your input. The proposal will be posted to the OPTN website for individual or institutional comment from Monday, October 8 through Thursday, November 1. We will host a national, informational webinar to discuss the proposal on Tuesday, October 9. This will be followed by individual webinars for each region, as well as a webinar designed to describe the proposal for transplant patients and caregivers.

Our committee will meet in person Friday, November 2, to review all input and develop a final recommendation to present to the OPTN/UNOS Board at its meeting December 1-2.

For questions or further information

If you'd like to know more about existing policies or public comment items, please visit our committee's [page](#) on the OPTN website and/or contact your Regional Administrator. If you'd like to know more about projects or proposals our committee continues to discuss, contact your regional representative to the committee or send an e-mail to liver@unos.org.