

Modify Effect of Acceptance Policy

*OPTN Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee
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Purpose of Proposal

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 - The purpose of the proposed policy is to clarify when an organ offer acceptance takes priority over a required multi-organ transplant (MOT) share
- **Proposal**
 - This proposal will clarify that when a primary single organ is declined after all organs have been accepted, the OPO is not required to allocate to required MOT shares since a second organ is no longer available

Rationale

- January 2023 concept paper requested input on a variety of topics, including organ offer acceptance and required shares.
- *Policy 5.6.D: Effect of Acceptance* states that when an organ has been accepted by a transplant program, that offer is binding.
- Some OPOs will not finalize acceptance of organs in case there is a late organ offer refusal and an MOT candidate is on the match run.
 - This change will allow OPOs to move forward with placing single organs
 - OPO will not be required to allocate to required MOT shares if a second organ is no longer available.

Example

An OPO may place a heart with a heart-alone candidate and the kidneys with other candidates, but then receive notification that the heart candidate can no longer accept the organ.

- If the next candidate on the match is a qualifying heart-kidney candidate, policy says that the OPO must offer the kidney along with the heart, but the OPO no longer has a kidney to offer since the kidneys were accepted by other candidates

Member Actions

- OPOs and transplant hospitals may need to evaluate their internal policies and procedures to account for this clarification.

What do you think?

- Should a specific timeframe be included in the policy language?
 - For example, if an organ has been accepted by a transplant program and the donor recovery has been scheduled.
- Should this apply only after all organs are allocated and accepted, including required multi-organ shares?
- Do patients and donor families support the concept that accepted organs take priority over required multi-organ shares?

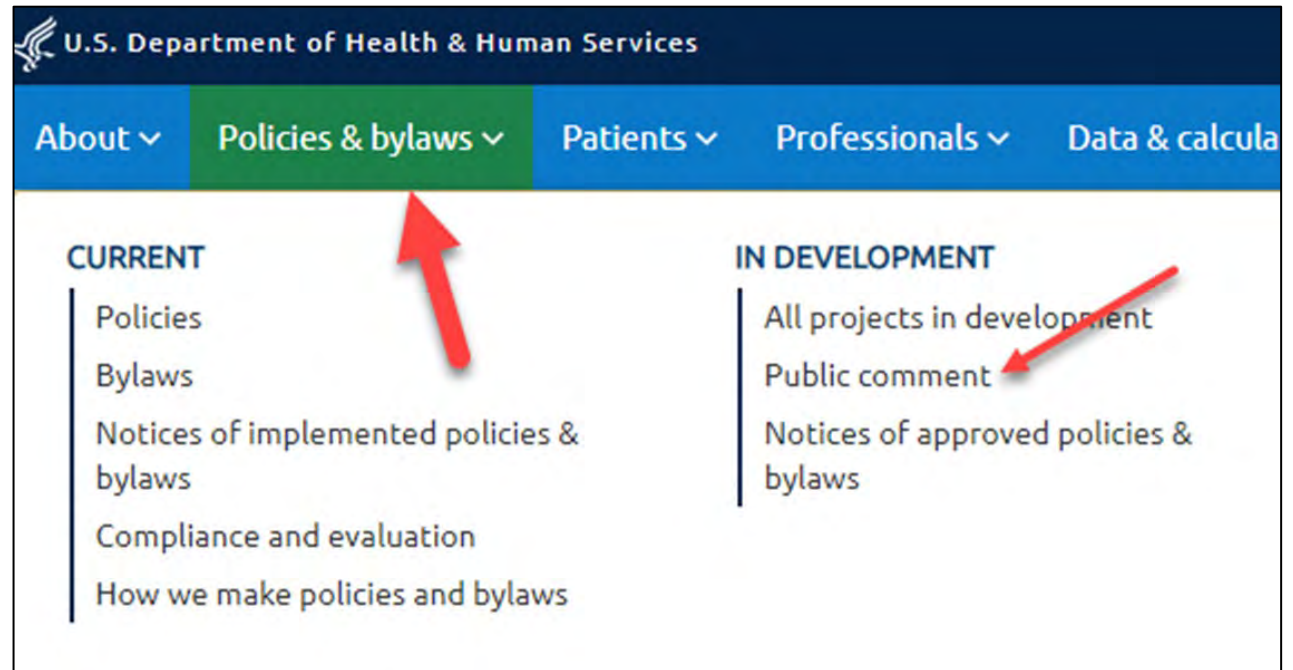
Additional Questions?

- Please direct all questions about the Ad Hoc Multi-Organ Transplantation Committee's *Modify Effect of Acceptance Policy* to Robert Hunter at robert.hunter@unos.org

Provide Feedback

Submit public comments on the OPTN website:

- January 23, 2024 – March 19, 2024
- **optn.transplant.hrsa.gov**



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- Visit <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/about/regions/regional-meetings/> for the latest regional meeting information and meeting materials

The screenshot shows the OPTN website's 'Regional meetings' page. The header includes the OPTN logo (Organ Procurement & Transplantation Network) and the HRSA logo (U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources & Services Administration). The navigation menu includes 'About', 'Policies & bylaws', 'Patients', 'Professionals', 'Data & calculators', and 'News & events'. The breadcrumb trail is 'Home » About » Regions » Regional meetings'. The main content area is titled 'Regional meetings' and includes a sub-section 'Regional meetings' with a description: 'Regional meetings are held twice each year during the winter and summer public comment periods. Regional meetings are an opportunity to influence policy proposals, prepare for upcoming changes, and hear perspectives from the transplant community about improvements to organ allocation.' Below this, there is a section for 'Winter 2024 meetings' with links for Region 1, Region 2, Region 7, and Region 8.

Winter 2024 meetings

Region 1: Monday, March 11, 2024 – Waltham, MA	Region 7: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – Chicago, IL
Region 2:	Region 8:

Thank You for Listening!