



HRSA Updates

OPTN Regional Meetings

Division of Transplantation
Health Systems Bureau (HSB)
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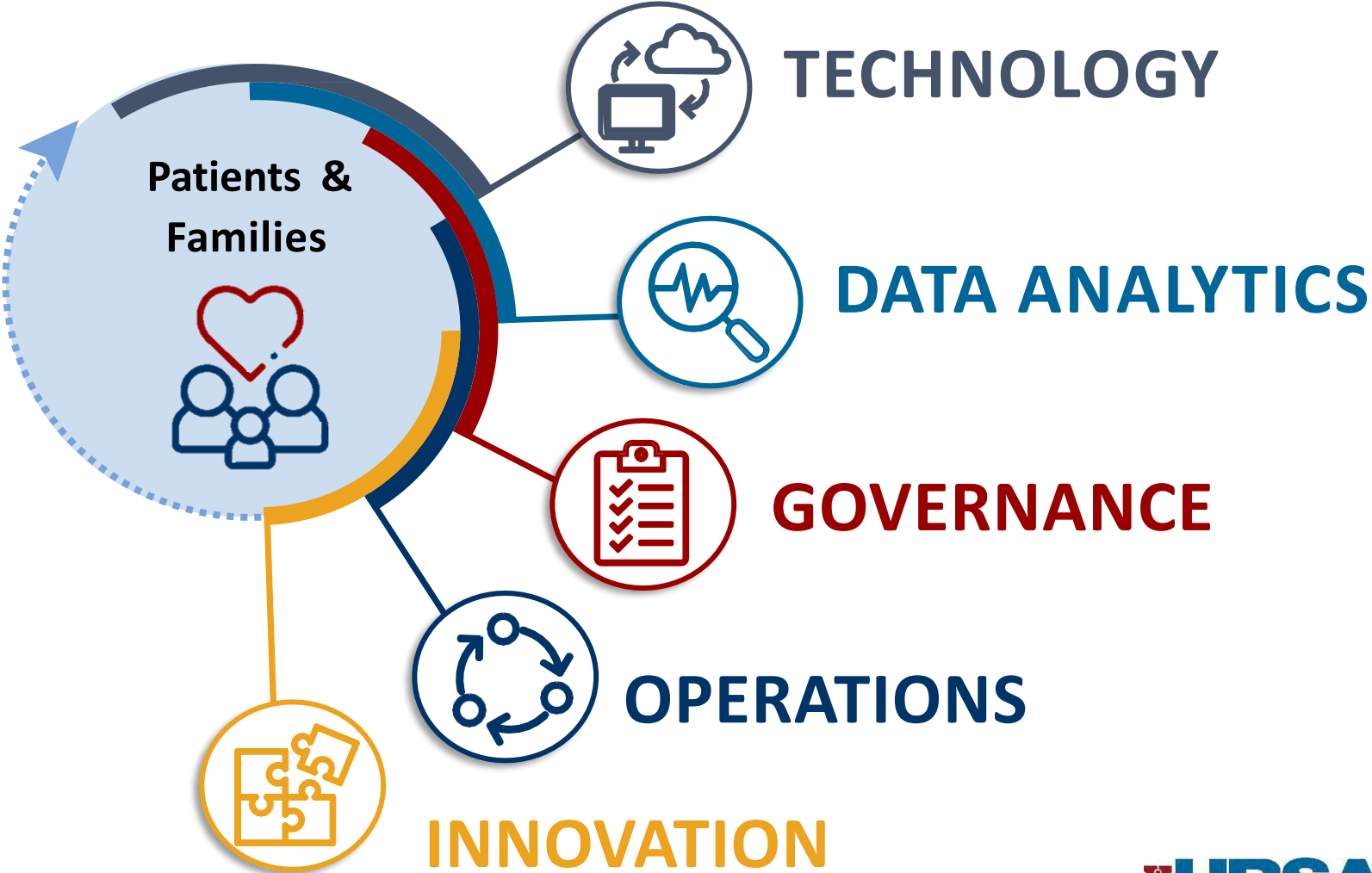
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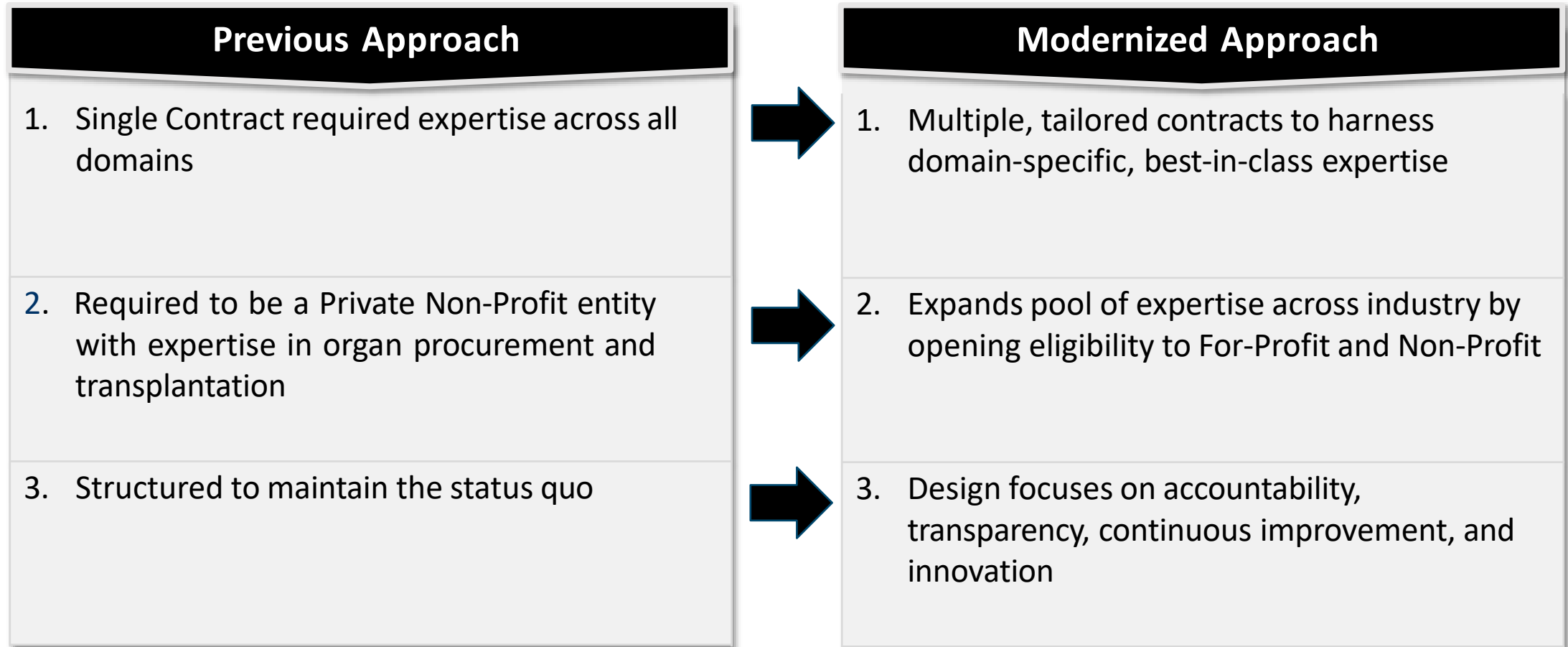


OPTN Modernization Initiative

The **OPTN Modernization Initiative** is centered on putting **patients first**, prioritizing **information flow to clinicians**, promoting **innovation**, and enhancing **transparency and accountability**.



Modernization Approach



Modernization Contract Solicitations



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Supporting System Performance and Equity

Consistent with HHS goals to improve organ transplant system performance and equity, HRSA and CMS have determined the need for additional OPTN data:

- **Pre-Waitlist Data**
 - Several OPTN committees and stakeholders have documented inequities in access to transplantation and substantial variation in practice across transplant programs with respect to transplant access.
- **OPO Donor Potential Data**
 - Enhanced data collection will better support the CMS Condition for Coverage that requires OPOs to report certain data on potential deceased donors.



Pre-Waitlist Data Collection

- HRSA's directive for this data collection was informed by recommendations from various OPTN committees and stakeholders, including the Data Advisory, Minority Affairs, Ethics, and Patient Affairs Committees.
- Proposed Referral and Evaluation Registration Form data collection:
 1. Date of referral
 2. Date of first visit
 3. Date for beginning formal transplant evaluation, and
 4. Referring provider number (CMS Certification Number, or CCN).
- Aligns with HRSA OPTN modernization efforts and will increase data transparency, support improvement activities, and inform OPTN performance measure development.



OPO Donor Potential Data Collection

- All OPOs collect process data beginning with each referral call through death record reviews and audits of missed referrals; however, these data are not available to the OPTN, HRSA/CMS, donor patient families, or the public.
- HRSA's directive for this data collection aligns with OPTN Membership and Professional Standards Committee's (MPSC) OPO Performance Monitoring Metric Workgroup efforts.
- Proposed Ventilated Patient Form data collection:
 - Time of Ventilated Referral
 - Date of Death Record Review
 - Procurement Process data
 - Donor Management data
- This data will provide a more systematic understanding of donor hospital referral and organ procurement practices and their impact on transplant access.



Next Steps

- HRSA will direct the OPTN contractor to develop new, proposed data reporting forms.
- HRSA will issue a Federal Register Notice soliciting public comment in the Summer.
- HRSA will direct OPTN contractor to update systems and processes to support data collection, including providing training and resources to facilitate accurate, timely submissions.
- New data collection is expected to be implemented in September 2024, pending OMB approval.



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