

# Proposal to Require UNet<sup>sm</sup>Registration of all Living Donor Organ Candidates Prior to Transplant

**Sponsoring Committee:** Living Donor

**Policy Affected:** Policy 3.4.C (Candidate Registration)

**Distributed for Public Comment:** September 2013

**Amended After Public Comment:** Yes

**Effective Date:** September 1, 2014

## **Problem Statement**

Most transplant programs register living donor transplant recipients through Waitlist<sup>sm</sup> before the transplant procedure, while others register recipients through Tiedi<sup>sm</sup> after the transplant.

Registering recipients before their transplant will improve the safety of living donation by:

- Improving the blood type verification process
- Providing unique identifiers for comparing donor and candidate information
- Providing the accrual of wait time for some candidates

## **Changes**

All transplant hospitals must register the living donor organ candidate on Waitlist<sup>sm</sup> before they are transplanted.

## **Member Actions**

Transplant hospitals must register all living donor organ candidates through Waitlist<sup>sm</sup> before transplantation.

**Affected Policy Language:**

### **3.4.C Candidate Registrations**

Transplant programs must do *all* of the following:

~~1. Register on the waiting list all candidates for deceased donor organ transplants, including candidates receiving directed donations from deceased donors.~~

~~2. Complete all candidate additions, modifications, and removals in the waiting list.~~

Recipients of deceased and living donor organs must be registered as candidates on the waiting list prior to their transplant. Transplant programs must complete all candidate registrations, modifications, and removals in the waiting list.

To read the complete policy language, go to

<http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/policiesAndBylaws/policies.asp>.