

Clerical Changes to KP Transition Plan Policy

Sponsoring Committee: Pancreas Transplantation Committee

Policy Affected: Policy 11.4.B (Kidney-Pancreas Waiting Time Criteria for Candidates At Least 18 Years Old)

Distributed for Public Comment: No

Effective Date: Pending Implementation (Implementation Date: October 30, 2014)

Problem Statement
In March 2014 the Executive Committee approved policy language changes for Policy 11.4.B: <i>Kidney-Pancreas Waiting Time Criteria for Candidates At Least 18 Years Old</i> (also known as “the KP Transition Plan”). One part of the policy language changes to Policy 11.4.B was the addition of one more condition that Kidney-Pancreas candidates must meet in order to accrue Kidney-Pancreas waiting time. Adding the conditions requires changing the numerical reference to the conditions in Policy 11.4.B. This proposal changes the numerical references to the Kidney-Pancreas conditions outlined in Policy 11.4.B.

Changes
This proposal requests to change the numerical references to the Kidney-Pancreas waiting time criteria in Policy 11.4.B to match the changes to the language made in March 2014.

Member Actions
Members do not need to take any action as a result of this clerical policy change.

Affected Policy Language:

Proposed new language is underlined (example) and language that is proposed for removal is struck through (~~example~~).

11.4.B Kidney-Pancreas Waiting Time Criteria for Candidates At Least 18 Years Old

If a kidney-pancreas candidate is 18 years or older on the date the candidate is registered for a kidney-pancreas, then the candidate begins to accrue waiting time once the candidate has met all of the following conditions:

1. The candidate is registered for a kidney-pancreas.
2. The candidate qualifies for kidney waiting time according to *Policy 8.4: Waiting Time*.
3. The candidate meets *at least one* of the following criteria:
 - a. Is on insulin and C-peptide less than or equal to 2 ng/mL
 - b. Is on insulin and C-peptide greater than 2 ng/mL and has a body mass index (BMI) less than or equal to the maximum allowable BMI.

Once a kidney-pancreas candidate begins to accrue waiting time, the candidate will remain qualified for waiting time, unless the candidate was registered for a kidney-pancreas prior to implementation of this policy. A candidate who was registered for a kidney-pancreas, and accrued waiting time prior to implementation of this policy, will remain qualified if the candidate qualifies for kidney waiting time according to *Policy 8.4:Waiting Time*.

The maximum allowable BMI, for accruing waiting time, for a kidney-pancreas candidate, who is at least 18 years old at the time of kidney-pancreas registration, is 28 kg/m². Every six months, the OPTN Contractor will determine the percent of kidney-pancreas candidates that meet criterion 32.b above. The OPTN Contractor will then modify the maximum allowable BMI according to *Table 11-1* below:

Table 11-1: Maximum Allowable BMI

If the percent of active kidney pancreas candidates that meet criterion 32.b:	Then the OPTN Contractor will:
Is greater than 15% nationally	Reduce the maximum allowable BMI by 2 kg/m ²
Is less than 10% nationally	Increase the maximum allowable BMI by 2 kg/m ²

The OPTN Contractor may not modify the maximum allowable BMI to exceed 30 kg/m². If the OPTN Contractor modifies the maximum allowable BMI, it must publish the modification and notify all kidney programs and pancreas programs.

Once a kidney-pancreas candidate qualifies for waiting time, the candidate will remain qualified for waiting time regardless of any changes to the maximum allowable BMI.

For candidates who qualify for kidney-pancreas waiting time, waiting time will begin when the candidate qualifies for waiting time according to this Policy. Transplant programs must document when and how a kidney-pancreas candidate qualified for waiting time.

To read the complete policy language visit optn.transplant.hrsa.gov or www.unos.org. From the OPTN website, select the “Policy Management” tab, then select “Policies.” From the UNOS website, select “Policies” from the “I am looking for:” box in the upper left hand corner.

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