

**OPTN/UNOS Executive Committee
Meeting Summary
July 20, 2015
Conference Call**

Betsy Walsh, JD, Chair

Discussions of the full committee on July 20, 2015 are summarized below and will be reflected in the committee's next report to the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors. Meeting summaries and reports to the Board are available at <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>.

Liver Committee request

The Liver Committee requested that the Executive Committee approve clerical changes to policy 9.1 MELD Score for the purposes of implementing changes to the MELD score.

In June 2014, the Board approved a new policy to incorporate serum sodium into the MELD score calculation. The policy is pending computer programming and will become effective upon implementation. Once programmed, the system will automatically calculate candidates' new MELD score. The Committee requested that the Executive Committee approve changes to all a 7-day "grace period" during implementation for those candidates whose scores would be moved from one certification to another, and may as a result require immediate re-certification (i.e., the candidates would face an immediate "downgrade" of their MELD score). As proposed, if the center had not re-certified these candidates on the 8th day after implementation, the candidates would be downgraded to their previous lower MELD score as is done currently when certification expires.

The Committee approved this request unanimously.

Upcoming Meetings

- August 11, 2015
- September 21, 2015