**Problem Statement**

In June 2016, the OPTN/UNOS Board approved a proposal that requires OPOs to use TransNet™ for packaging and labeling organs, and any materials accompanying the organs, with an effective date of June 1, 2017. However, programming will not be completed for TransNet use with Vascularized Composite Allograft (VCA) organs until November 1, 2017. As a result, this policy change exempts OPOs from the requirement to use TransNet to package and label VCA organs and any materials accompanying VCA organs until programming for VCAs is completed in November 2017.

OPOs must use TransNet to package and label all other organ types and accompanying materials, including any tissue typing specimens, vessels, or documentation, starting June 1, 2017.

**Summary of Changes**

This change is necessary to delay the requirement for mandatory OPO use of TransNet to package and label VCA organs and materials accompanying VCA organs as follows:

- **Effective June 1, 2017**: Mandatory TransNet use is required for all organ types and accompanying materials, other than VCAs.

- **Effective November 1, 2017**: Mandatory TransNet use is required for all organ types and accompanying materials, including VCAs.

**What Members Need to Do**

OPOs need to continue to use their current packaging and labeling process for VCA organs and materials accompanying VCA organs until November 1, 2017, when the requirement to use TransNet for all organ types is in effect.
Policy 16: Organ and Vessel Packaging, Labeling, Shipping, and Storage

The requirement to use the OPTN organ tracking system according to Policy 16: Organ and Vessel Packaging, Labeling, Shipping, and Storage does not apply to VCA organs, and any tissue typing specimens, vessels, or documentation accompanying VCA organs.