

Modify Data Submission Policies

OPTN Data Advisory Committee

What problem will this proposal address?

- Concerns about quality of data reported to the OPTN resulting from:
 - Unclear data submission deadlines
 - Data changes made after submission
- Questions about accuracy of data used by members and researchers for performance evaluations
- Improve confidence of research findings and organ allocation
- Growing recognition of OPTN data quality needs
 - DAC now an operating committee under Board of Directors
 - Requires annual report

Proposal Affects TIEDI Records

Form Name	Acronym	Member
Deceased Donor Registration	DDR*	OPO
Donor Histocompatibility	DHS*	Histocompatibility Lab
Recipient Histocompatibility	RHS*	Histocompatibility Lab
Living Donor Registration	LDR*	Transplant Hospital
Transplant Candidate Registration	TCR*	Transplant Hospital
Transplant Recipient Registration	TRR*	Transplant Hospital
Transplant Recipient Follow-up	TRF	Transplant Hospital
Living Donor Follow-up	LDF	Transplant Hospital

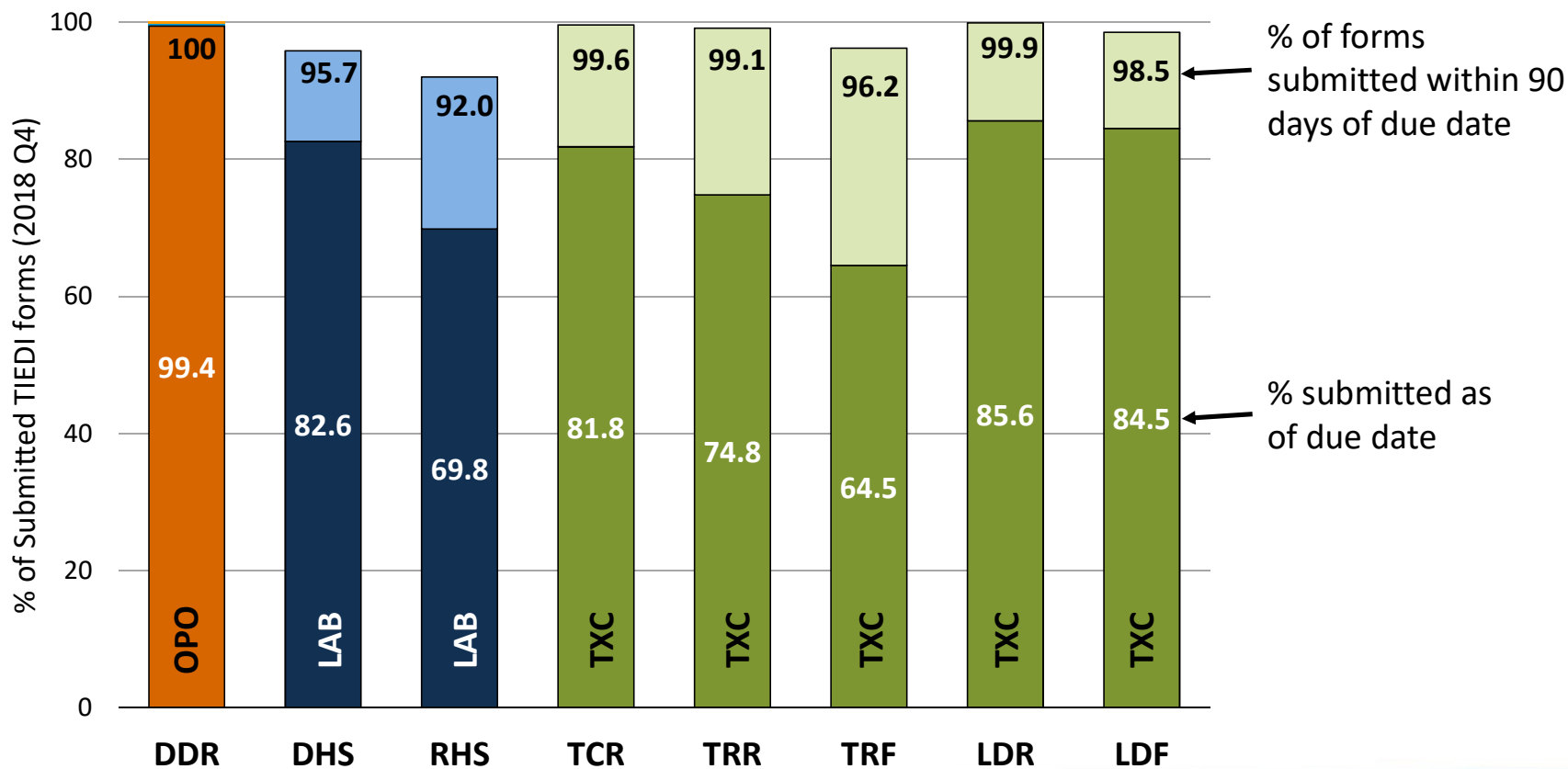
*Denotes events where all data are likely to be available when form is due

Substantial proportion of data not submitted by due date

Due date requirements:

30 days:
DDR, DHS, RHS, TCR, TRF

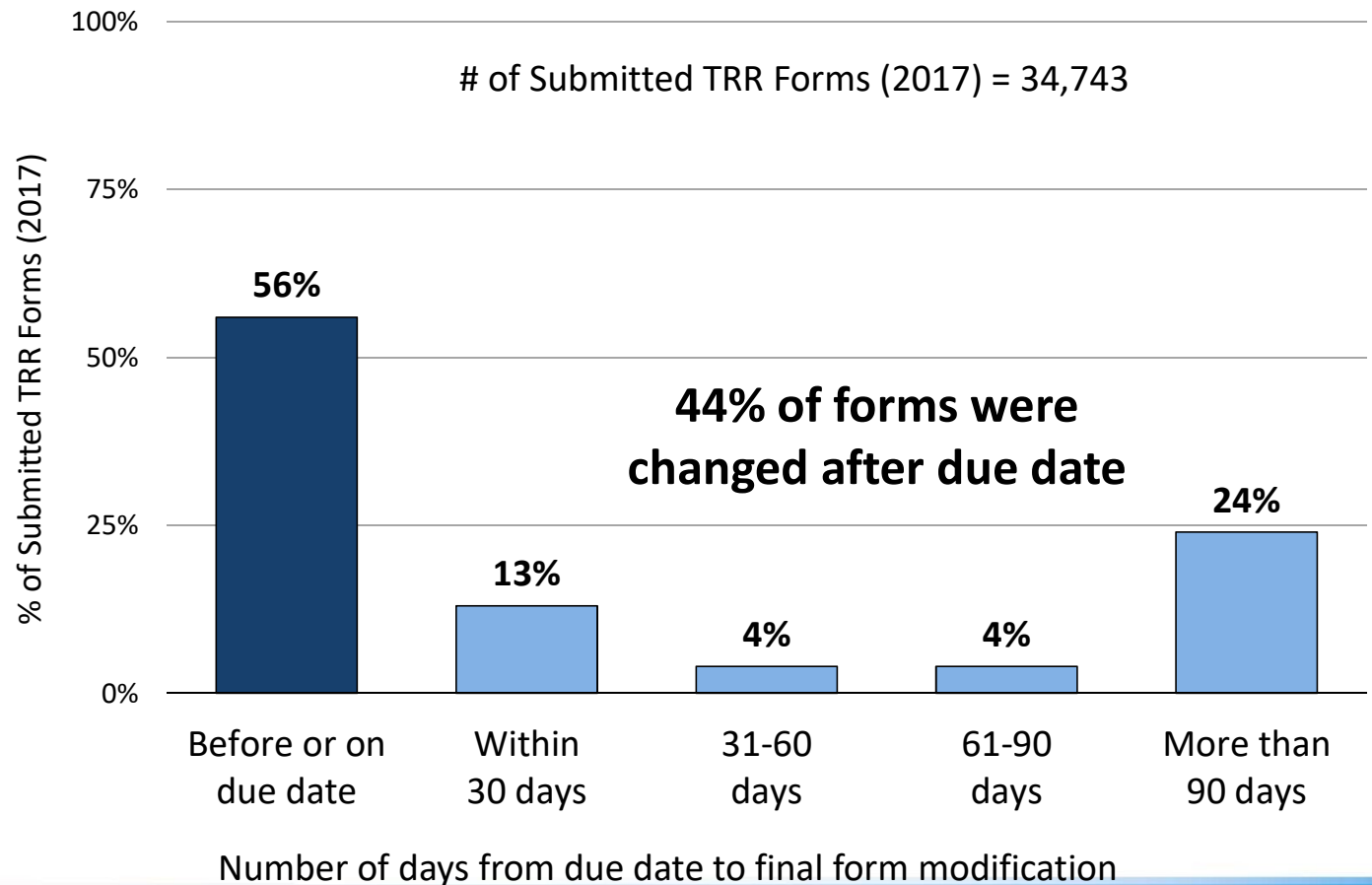
60 days:
TRR, LDR, LDF



Many TIEDI forms are changed after due date, such as TRR

TRR Example

- TRR due date: 60 days after transplant hospital removes recipient from waiting list
- Includes different types of data modifications, such as filling missing values or changes in actual values



Proposed Solution: Extending and Clarifying TIEDI Data Submission Deadlines

TIEDI data submission deadlines (number of days)			
Form	Current policy	Proposed policy	Change
DDR	30	60	+30
DHS	30	60	+30
RHS	30	60	+30
LDR	60	90	+30
TCR	30	90	+60
TRR	60	90	+30
LDF	60	90	+30
TRF	30	90	+60

Proposed Solution – Data “Lock”

- Data considered final on due dates in Policy 18.1 and no longer editable
- Implement a process for changing final, “locked” data
 - Must take an action to unlock data
 - Indicate why data are changing
 - Provide name of approver in leadership position from member institution
- DAC summarizes data completeness and changes to Board of Directors on periodic basis

Proposed Solution: Enhance Member Resources

- Improve reporting resources to assist with quality review
 - Enhance current data quality tools to address need to identify issues in TIEDI collection instruments before being “locked”
 - Help members identify data outside normal ranges before they submit
- Implement data quality dashboard
 - Create visual tool for members to compare their data with nationally reported data
 - Provide member reporting about frequency and reasons for data changes

How will members implement this proposal?

- Transplant Hospitals, OPOs, and Histocompatibility Labs
 - Data “lock” will require members to comprehensively review data collection, entry, and validation practices to optimize data accuracy and completeness by the submission deadline
 - “Unlocking” and changing data will require a rationale and organizational leadership approval
 - Adjust data practices to comply with new requirements

How will the OPTN implement this proposal?

- Requires programming in UNetSM
- Enhance and create additional member tools in Data Services Portal

How will the proposed change be evaluated?

- Committee will report at least annually to Board of Directors
 - Data submission compliance rates
 - Frequency of data changes
 - Reported reasons for data changes

Feedback Requested

- What are the most common reasons your organization changes TIEDI-specific data after submission?
- What are the most common factors preventing your organization from submitting accurate data within the established timeframes?
- What tools would help your organization (a) submit data on time, and (b) quickly identify data discrepancies?