Liver and Intestine Committee

Fall 2019
Recently Implemented Proposal

National Liver Review Board

- Three specialty boards
  - Adult HCC
  - Adult other diagnosis
  - Pediatric

- Appeals
  - 1st to same review group
  - 2nd to Appeals Review Team (ART)
  - 3rd to Liver Committee
NLRB Results

Data from May 14, 2019 (implementation) to June 24, 2019

- Exception request forms submitted:
  - 1218 initial and extension forms
  - 163 appeal forms
  - 33 ART appeal forms

- Of the initial and exception forms submitted to a specialty board for review,
  - 58% reviewed by the adult HCC board,
  - 34.8% reviewed by the adult other diagnosis board
  - 5.9% reviewed by the pediatrics board
NLRB Results

- Data from May 14, 2019 (implementation) to June 24, 2019
  - Overall approval rate: 60.6%
  - By specialty board, the approval rates were
    - 73.7% for the adult HCC board
    - 45.9% for the adult other diagnosis board
    - 67.4% the pediatrics board
Exception Forms Submitted by OPTN Region and Specialty Review Board

*Groups with N < 5 do not contain counts in graph.*
Exception Forms Submitted by OPTN Region and Outcome

Case Status:
- Approved
- Denied
- Pending
- Submitted to Review Board
- Withdrawn after approval
- Withdrawn prior to decision

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Exception Forms Submitted by OPTN Region and Outcome

Adult HCC Review Board

OPTN Region of Candidate’s Transplant Center

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Exception Forms Submitted by OPTN Region and Outcome
Adult Other Review Board

OPTN Region and Outcome

Counts by OPTN Region of Candidate's Transplant Center

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Exception Forms Submitted by OPTN Region and Outcome Pediatrics Review Board

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Distribution of MTS Adjustment for Approved Exception Forms by Specialty Review Board

There were N=206 forms that are not median score-adjusted and N=439 forms that were not reviewed due to auto-approval or withdrawal prior to decision and are not included.
Distribution of Requested MELD or PELD Score for Approved Exception Forms by Specialty Review Board

There were N=236 forms that are not median score-adjusted and N=439 forms that were not reviewed due to auto-approval or withdrawal prior to decision and are not included.
Recent Public Comment Proposals

Split Liver Variance

- Changed post-public comment at OPTN Board of Directors meeting
  - Closed variance (region 8)
- Job aid to be available to help OPOs and transplant hospitals determine allocation options for the second segment when livers are split

What you need to do

- Complete a participation form before using variance
- May identify one affiliated center to share with
- Submit annual log of split liver procedures to OPTN
Current Public Comment Proposal

Clarification of pre-existing liver disease

- Liver candidates may qualify for Status 1A if they have fulminant hepatic failure without pre-existing liver disease
- Currently unclear whether a candidate who received a prior liver transplant could ever qualify
- Clarification will allow prior recipients who otherwise meet criteria to qualify for Status 1A