

**OPTN Import Backup Workgroup
Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2019
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The OPTN Import Backup Workgroup (the Workgroup) met by teleconference on November 7, 2019 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Overview of Import Backup
2. Import Backup by Frequency
3. Review of Public Comment Feedback
4. Implementation Timeline

The following is a summary of the Workgroup's discussions.

1. Overview of Import Backup

This is the Import Backup Workgroup's first meeting. The goal of the workgroup is to "identify a solution to make import backup compliant with geography changes removing DSA and region from kidney and pancreas allocation".

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup reviewed the current state of import backup. This presentation included discussion on the need for an import backup policy solution. The Workgroup was provided with distribution scenarios, factors for consideration, and gave perspective to potential solutions to address the problem.

Next steps:

The Workgroup was asked to think about a variety of geographic challenges and roles (organ procurement organization vs. transplant center) when considering potential import backup solutions for kidney and pancreas.

2. Import Backup by Frequency

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup reviewed import back up data that included the number of kidney, kidney- pancreas, and pancreas acceptances outside the donor recovery DSA and from import match runs.

3. Review of Public Comment Feedback

Summary of discussion:

The Kidney and Pancreas Committee developed an allocation policy, respectively, that included an import back up solution. The responses received regarding the solution received mixed feedback with no clear consensus. Due to this, the Kidney and Pancreas Committees decided to remove the import back

up solution from the proposals. It was agreed that import back up should be discussed in further detail to determine how best to address the concerns raised.

Next steps:

The Workgroup was asked to consider if the 150 Nautical Mile (NM) circle is appropriate to use for import backup with a 250 NM original allocation circle.

4. Implementation Timeline

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup discussed the various solutions that were previously discussed and their potential timelines. Some import backup options could meet a December 2020 timeline, while others will not due to additional programming efforts that would be required.

Next steps:

The Workgroup was asked to be prepared to discuss import backup options at their next meeting.

Upcoming Meeting(s)

- November 14, 2019 (teleconference)
- November 21, 2019 (teleconference)
- December 5, 2019 (teleconference)
- December 12, 2019 (teleconference)