

**OPTN Fiscal Impact Advisory Group
Meeting Summary
December 3, 2019
Teleconference**

Introduction

The Fiscal Impact Advisory Group met by teleconference on 12/3/2019 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Review and Discussion: Winter 2020 Proposals Fiscal Impact
2. Feedback: Leading Committee Discussions

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

1. Review and Discussion: Winter 2020 Proposals Fiscal Impact

The assigned evaluator for each of the proposals below provided a recap of the discussion with the sponsoring committee and allowed the other fiscal impact members to pose questions or concerns:

- Considerations in ABO Testing
- Update to HLA Equivalency Tables (2020)
- Update to Vascularized Composite Allografts (VCA) Transplant Outcomes Data Collection
- Lung Allocation Score (LAS) Refinements and Clean-up
- Import Back up (planned for 12/12/2020)

Summary of discussion:

- a. Considerations in ABO Testing

This affects transplant centers and organ procurement organizations (OPO). There is minimal impact, as it ensures centers and OPOs follow policy and internal protocol for this infrequent occurrence. Repeat testing is needed and can be a cost, but repeat testing is already required.

No data on resolutions to discrepancies is recorded by the OPTN.

- b. Update to HLA Equivalency Tables (2020)

This proposal was thought to affect labs and transplant centers, but there is minimal or no fiscal impact to members. It is a routine update.

- c. Update to VCA Transplant Outcomes Data Collection

This affects transplant centers. While data is already collected for VCAs, some additional data will be collected. Additional uterus transplant data collection may be a fiscal impact to centers, as there is not much data collected on these more recently permitted type of transplants.

d. Lung Allocation Score (LAS) Refinements and Clean-up

Lung coefficients must be updated in the Waitlist. This will occur every two years. This should be automatic, but if this is not automatic, it may need to be updated manually by the transplant center. The intention for this is to be automatic, but it is uncertain at this point. Minimal time may be required to update patients on changes to their Lung Allocation Score (LAS). There is minimal impact to centers.

e. Import Back up (planned for 12/12/2020)

2. Feedback: Leading Committee Discussions

This topic was delayed until the next meeting, due to time constraints. Members will review how the new process of leading fiscal discussions with the committee can be enhanced.

Summary of discussion:

N/A

Next meeting:

- March, 2020 – To be determined

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Robert Howey
 - Debbie Williams
 - Renee Bennett
 - Ryan Haydu
 - Aimee Hagerty
 - Andrea Tietjen
 - Jerome Saltarrelli
 - Julie Bergin
 - Gene Ridolfi
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - None
- **SRTR Staff**
 - None
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Hannah Byford
 - Emily Ward