

OPTN Kidney Transplantation Committee

Meeting Summary

November 18, 2019

Teleconference

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Introduction

The OPTN Kidney Transplantation Committee (the Committee) met via Citrix GoToTraining teleconference to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Notification Limits
2. Geography Project Update
3. Import Backup Workgroup Update
4. Medical Urgency Subcommittee Update

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

1. Notification Limits

The Committee reviewed how organ procurement organization (OPO) organ offer notification limits currently work, which is based on donation service area (DSA). The notification limit practice would need to change once DSA is removed from allocation. If unchanged, it's possible that due to the mix of local and non-local candidates contained in the classifications, the non-local notification limit could be reached before the local limit.

The Committee reviewed a proposed solution which included:

- No change to current functionality
- OPOs may continue to set local limits
- Notification limits will use the same solution used for liver acuity circles
- OPTN will update the definition of local and non-local
 - Local limits = DSA OR within the first circle
 - Non-local limits = outside DSA OR outside first circle

Summary of Discussion

The Committee Chair asked if there had been any feedback from OPO representatives. It was clarified the UNOS IT staff had previewed the proposed solution with operating committee representatives and consulted with individual OPOs throughout the development.

2. Geography Project Update

The Committee was informed the briefing paper has been completed and being submitted for Board review. Due to concerns raised because the Alaska allocation piece of the proposed policy language was not included in original public comment, the Committee was advised to remove that section from the proposed language.

Vote

Do you support removing the Alaska allocation administrative rule from the proposal for Public Comment?

Yes – 85% (11)

No – 15% (2)

Next Steps

The geography briefing paper will be presented to the Board on Tuesday, December 3. The now separate Alaska allocation proposal will go out for spring 2020 public comment along with Import Backup and Medical Urgency.

3. Import Backup Workgroup Update

The Committee was informed the Import Backup Workgroup has held two meetings so far. The first meeting was a review of current practice and public comment feedback. The second meeting was to review potential solutions and implementation considerations. So far the Workgroup has consensus for having the ability to retain responsibility with the host OPO. The Import Backup Workgroup has three more meetings planned.

4. Medical Urgency Subcommittee Update

The Committee was informed the Subcommittee has met once and reviewed current practice, available data, and implementation considerations. The Subcommittee is scheduled to meet three more times.

Upcoming Meeting

- December 16, 2019 - Teleconference