

OPTN Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee

Meeting Summary

January 10, 2020

Conference Call

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Introduction

The OPTN Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee (the Committee) met via teleconference on 1/10/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Hawaii and Puerto Rico Proposal Review and Vote
2. Project Updates

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

1. Hawaii and Puerto Rico Proposal Review and Vote

The Committee reviewed the *Access for Urgent Liver Candidates in Hawaii and Puerto Rico* proposal and the feedback from the special public comment period.

Summary of discussion:

The Committee reviewed the proposed solution for access for urgent liver candidates in Hawaii and Puerto Rico:

- Add a unit of distribution that includes a portion of the contiguous states for these candidates
- 1,100 nautical mile (NM) circle for candidates in Puerto Rico
- 2,400 NM circle for candidates in Hawaii
- This would only impact candidates with a MELD/PELD of 37 or higher, Status 1A or Status 1B

The Committee reviewed all public comments submitted for the proposal, all of which were in support of the proposal. They then reviewed the proposed policy language.

Vote

Do you support sending the proposal to improve access for urgent liver candidates in HI and PR to the Executive Committee?

Yes – 100% (11)

No – 0% (0)

Abstain – 0% (0)

Next steps:

The Executive Committee will consider the proposal during their meeting in January 2020.

2. Project Updates

The Committee was informed the *Enhancements to the National Liver Review Board* proposal is going to Public Comment beginning January 22. There is also a workgroup being formed with members of the Pediatric Committee to start a project to improve PELD/Status 1B criteria.

Upcoming Meetings

- February 7, 2020
- March 6, 2020