

OPTN Membership and Professional Standards Committee

Winter 2020

Recent Implementation

- OPTN Definition of a Transplant Hospital – effective January 13, 2020
- All transplant hospital members found in compliance
- Notify OPTN of any changes in the location of operating rooms used for transplant

Membership Requirements Revision Project

Problem to be addressed

- **Contract task:** “...[with] involvement of the MPSC, the Contractor shall develop and implement a process for periodic reassessment of membership status once approved. . .”
- Issues with sections of membership requirements identified by MPSC, staff or members of community
- While individual bylaw changes have been made, no comprehensive review of all membership requirements in over 10 years

Membership Requirements Revision Phase 1

- Review and propose revisions to OPTN Bylaws that:
 - Provide process for review of applications for membership in the OPTN or for new transplant programs
 - Requirements that an OPO, histocompatibility lab and transplant hospital and transplant programs need to meet to be approved
- Review and propose changes to framework for transplant program key personnel requirements
 - Requirements for all organ specific requirements follow same format
 - Concept Paper

Considerations for Revisions

- Support process for periodic reassessment of membership status
- Consistency with current practice and qualifications
- Reduce complexity to simplify application process and review by MPSC
- Consider ways to stratify requirements based on type of application
 - Initial request for approval
 - Reassessment of membership status
 - Key personnel application for individual with no previous experience as key personnel
 - Key personnel application for individual with previous experience as key personnel

Collaboration

- OPTN Committees – OPO, Histocompatibility, Transplant Administrators & Organ-specific
- External Stakeholders
 - American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS)
 - American Society of Transplantation (AST)
 - Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO)
 - NATCO
 - American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (ASHI)
 - College of American Pathologists (CAP)

Phase 1 Timeline

9/19 –
7/20

- Phase 1 - MPSC review, collaboration with other committees

Fall
2020

- Public comment organizational/transplant program membership requirements
- Concept paper transplant program key personnel framework

12/20

- Submit proposal to OPTN Board for approval

Questions