

**OPTN Liver & Intestinal Organ Transplantation
PELD/Status 1B Criteria Workgroup
Meeting Summary
May 21, 2020
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The PELD/Status 1B Criteria Workgroup (the Workgroup) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 05/21/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Project Overview, Scope, and Timeline
2. Status 1B: Data Review

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

1. Project Overview, Scope, and Timeline

The Workgroup reviewed the project overview, scope, and timeline. The Workgroup is tasked with evaluating the current pediatric end-stage liver disease (PELD) calculation and criteria for Status 1B priority, with the intent to reduce waitlist mortality for pediatric liver transplant candidates. The project is sponsored by the Liver Committee but will have equal collaboration from the Pediatric Committee.

Summary of discussion:

A member inquired about the implementation timeline. The Workgroup was informed that the timeline is tentative and it is difficult to predict because it will be based on the time needed to develop a solution and subsequently implement the solution. A member asked if they would be able to separate the PELD and Status 1B topics into separate projects if it would expedite the implementation of either aspect of the project. The Workgroup can explore this option if it would be beneficial in the future.

2. Status 1B: Data Review

UNOS staff presented available data and workgroup members discussed additional data they would like to see compiled.

Data summary:

The Workgroup reviewed the following data points:

- Number of Pediatric Liver Donors by Year
- Number of Distinct Liver Status 1B Forms by Month Submitted

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup identified specific criteria to be included in a data request. During discussions about refining Status 1B criteria, the Workgroup thought it was important to review the characteristics of Status 1B candidates. The Workgroup requested the following data:

- Number of Status 1B candidates on the waiting list by year including their exception status
- Additional information on candidates that do and do not meet standard criteria

- Categorizations of pediatric candidates that died on the liver waiting list or were removed for being too sick

Next steps:

The Workgroup will submit a data request.

Upcoming Meetings

- June 18, 2020
- July 16, 2020