



December 14, 2020

David C. Mulligan, M.D.
President, Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network
Professor and Chief, Section of Transplantation and Immunology/Director
Yale New Haven Hospital
20 York Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Brian Shepard, Executive Director
Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network
United Network for Organ Sharing
P.O. Box 2484
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Dr. Mulligan and Mr. Shepard:

While the Department reviews the critical comment submitted on December 2, 2020, the Health Resources Administration (HRSA) directs that the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) Board of Directors hold in abeyance further implementation of the new OPTN kidney allocation policy until February 13, 2021. HRSA also authorizes the OPTN to delay, pending completion of the Department's review, other policies scheduled for implementation on December 15, 2020, including the pancreas allocation policy, to avoid undue complications in the system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas J. Engels". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Thomas J. Engels
Administrator