

**OPTN Operations & Safety Committee
Match Run Rules Workgroup
Meeting Summary
December 17, 2020
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The Match Run Rules (the Workgroup) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 12/17/2020 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Project Overview and Goals
2. IT Introduction and Discussion: Match & Organ Offer Process

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

1. Project Overview and Goals

The Workgroup were provided an overview of the goals of the Match Run Rules project.

Summary of discussion:

The goal of the Workgroup is to address two recommendations from the Policy Oversight Committee (POC) Provisional Yes Workgroup.

The first recommendation is to increase offer filters which will enable programs to provide criteria for offers they are more likely to accept. The second recommendation is to create a dynamic match run which will increase efficiency and expedite the organ placement process by allowing a more active screening process.

Next Steps:

The Workgroup will refine the scope of the project and decide whether or not a policy component should be included.

2. IT Introduction and Discussion: Match & Organ Offer Process

The Workgroup reviewed match and organ offer processes. Additionally, the Workgroup reviewed current IT implementation efforts, associated OPTN policy, and upcoming improvement efforts related to matching and organ offer processes.

Summary of discussion:

A member asked if it is in the Workgroup's scope to address the ability for transplant program to decline single kidney offers but not decline dual kidney offers. Staff responded that they have received feedback regarding this and are exploring different tooling options for organ offers.

Another member stated that there is variability with the use of the primary notification. The member explained that some programs expect a phone call for primary notification, while other programs expect a digital primary notification.

A member asked if the Workgroup could discuss the potential of allowing organ procurement organizations (OPOs) to send offers nationally. Staff responded that this type of recommendation would require a policy change, and the Workgroup is able to discuss and consider this topic.

Another member asked for more information about feedback from the programs that participated in the Offer Filters Pilot. Staff responded that they have received feedback requesting additional criteria and expanding it to dual kidney offers. Staff stated that a survey is currently being sent to the programs which will result in a more substantial compilation of feedback.

A member suggested the Workgroup should refine their goal and scope for this project.

Next steps:

The Workgroup will continue to review match and organ processes. The Workgroup will refine their goal and scope.

Upcoming Meeting

- January 21, 2021 (teleconference)
- February 18, 2021 (teleconference)

Attendance

- **Workgroup Members**
 - Alden Doyle
 - Christopher Curran
 - Christopher Yanakos
 - Deborah Maurer
 - Jennifer Muriett
 - Jill Campbell
 - Jillian Wojtowicz
 - John Stallbaum
 - Maria Casarella
 - Steve Potter
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Marilyn Levi
 - Raelene Skerda
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Amanda Macchi
 - Amy Putnam
 - Bonnie Felice
 - Elizabeth Miller
 - Joann White
 - Katrina Gauntt
 - Kerrie Masten
 - Kristine Althaus
 - Lauren Mauk
 - Lauren Motley
 - Lloyd Board
 - Matt Prentice
 - Meghan McDermott
 - Melissa Lane
 - Rebecca Ritz
 - Rob McTeir