

**OPTN Operations & Safety Committee
Match Run Rules Workgroup
Meeting Summary
June 17, 2021
Conference Call**

Alden Doyle, MD, MPH, Chair

Introduction

The Match Run Rules (the Workgroup) met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 06/17/2021 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Project Overview and Goals
2. Review and Discussion: Prioritization of projects & outlining project scope
3. The following is a summary of the Workgroup's discussions.

1. Project Overview and Goals

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

Summary of discussion:

The goal of the Workgroup is to address 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.

2. Review and Discussion: Prioritization of projects & outlining project scope

The Workgroup continued discussion on project prioritization.

Summary of discussion:

The proposed project prioritization is as follows:

- Phase I: Develop framework/standardization of processes
 - Offer filters for kidney – mandatory usage
 - Redefining provisional yes
 - Limit amount of offers sent out
 - Time limits on offers
- Phase II: Dynamic match run
 - Capability to filter off candidates from match run who no longer meet acceptance criteria once donor information is updated
 - Continuously evolving match run

The Workgroup reviewed the project approach and timelines of the phase I projects as detailed below. The projects would be worked on simultaneously.

- Step 1
 - Redefining provisional yes
 - Limit amount of offers sent out
 - Time limits on offers
- Project Approach:
 - Review and propose modifications to current policy (OPTN Policy 5.6: *Receiving and Accepting Organ Offers*)
- Target Public Comment Cycle: January 2022
- Step 2
 - Offer filters for kidney – mandatory usage
- Project Approach:
 - August/September 2021 – Begin discussions of offer filters (separate Workgroup)
 - Review monitoring report of nationwide rollout of kidney offer filters
 - Develop policy on mandatory usage of offer filters (kidney)
 - Will determine sequence by organ (ex. similar approach as Continuous Distribution)

The Workgroup agreed upon the detailed approach.

The Chair asked Information Technology (IT) staff to provide insights on their available resources and timeline. IT staff responded that developing a timeline in conjunction with estimating their available resources is dependent on the types of changes that the Workgroup decides.

The Chair suggested the Workgroup consider developing offer filter education components because there will be differences among organ-specific programs on how they utilize offer filters. IT staff stated that part of the national roll out for kidney offer filters will include education components.

The Chair stated the Workgroup will need to determine the principles used to decide the sequencing of mandatory usage of offer filters among organs. The Chair added that, during these discussions, the Workgroup should review whether mandatory offer filters will be useful before or after continuous distribution work for each organ, as well as other organ-specific projects. IT staff added that the Workgroup will need to consider the level of evidence needed in order to make an offer filter mandatory, and how to allow programs to change their behavior.

IT staff suggested that the Workgroup review the baseline functionality of provisional yes and organ offer limits to understand the foundation and how decided changes will impact the system.

Next steps:

The proposed projects will be presented to the Policy Oversight Committee on July 26, 2021. The Workgroup will review OPTN Policy 5.6: Receiving and Accepting Organ Offers. The Workgroup will discuss the sequencing of mandatory offer filters among organs as well as decide what additional committee representation is needed.

Upcoming Meeting

- July 29, 2021 (teleconference)

Attendance

- **Workgroup Members**
 - Alden Doyle
 - Christopher Yanakos
 - Jennifer Muriett
 - John Stallbaum
 - Kimberly Koontz
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Jim Bowman
 - Raelene Skerda
- **SRTR Representatives**
 - Katie Audette
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Alex Tulchinsky
 - Alice Toll
 - Amy Putnam
 - Benjamin Woford
 - Bonnie Felice
 - Elizabeth Miller
 - Joann White
 - Kristine Althaus
 - Lauren Mauk
 - Leah Slife
 - Matt Prentice
 - Meghan McDermott
 - Randall Fenderson
 - Rebecca Marino
 - Robert McTier
 - Supraja Malladi