Are you Black or African American and waiting for a kidney transplant?

If so, you could qualify for more waiting time to help you get a transplant sooner.

What is changing?

- Your doctor may have measured your kidney function with a race-based test that gives different results for Black patients
- That test makes Black patients' kidney function look better than it is and could have made you wait longer to start getting waiting time
- Waiting time is the time you earn after you are listed for a transplant. Having more waiting time may help you get a transplant sooner
- If your doctor did use a race-based test, you could have your waiting time increased

What happens next?

- Your transplant program will contact you to tell you two things:
  1) That they are checking your records
  2) If your waiting time will increase
- Your waiting time will not decrease for any reason. It will either stay the same or increase

I have more questions. Who can I talk to?

- Talk to your transplant team. They are the best resource for information about your waiting time
- If you see a kidney doctor outside of your transplant hospital, ask them if they used a race-based test to measure your kidney function. Share this information with your transplant team

The OPTN Patient Services line is available for general questions Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (ET) at 888-894-6361.

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