

**OPTN Transplant Administrators Committee
Fiscal Impact Advisory Group
Meeting Summary
October 25, 2024
Conference Call**

Introduction

The Fiscal Impact Advisory Group met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 10/25/2024 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Introduction
2. Requirements for Communicating Post-Transplant Disease
3. Monitor Ongoing eGFR Modification Policy Requirements
4. Modify Lung Donor Testing Data Collection
5. Update and Improve Efficiency in Living Donor Data Collection
6. Escalation of Status for Time in LVAD

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

1. Introduction

Summary of presentation:

The Fiscal Impact Group (FIG) comprised of representatives from histocompatibility laboratories, organ procurement organizations, and transplant hospitals, reviewed this proposal and completed a survey to estimate anticipated costs. They rated this project as low, medium, or high based on the estimated staffing and/or training, overtime, equipment, or IT support needed in the implementation of this proposal.

The FIG was asked to review proposals and complete a survey beforehand asking their estimations for fiscal burdens and staff burdens. This cycle, the FIG reviewed 5 proposals that are/were slated to go out for January 2025 public comment. This included:

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The Workgroup had completed a pre-survey gauging low, medium, and high burden. Dollar amounts greatly ranged and cannot yet be considered in the official FIG process.

2. Monitor Ongoing eGFR Modification Policy Requirement

Decision: The proposal was determined to have a low overall fiscal impact on organ procurement organizations and transplant hospitals. No significant fiscal impacts were recorded for histocompatibility labs.

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup mentioned that there would be low impact overall, with some staff training and education on policy compliance required.

3. Requirements for Communicating Post-Transplant Disease

Decision: The proposal was determined to have a low overall fiscal impact on organ procurement organizations and transplant hospitals. No significant fiscal impacts were recorded for histocompatibility labs.

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup decided that this would have a low staff burden with minimal educational requirements. The Workgroup agreed that streamlining communications around post-transplant disease would improve efficiency and ease staff burdens.

4. Promote Efficiency of Lung-Donor Testing

Decision: The proposal was determined to have a low overall fiscal impact on organ procurement organizations. No significant fiscal impacts were recorded for histocompatibility labs or transplant hospitals.

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup believed that this would have a low fiscal impact and low impact on staff. There would be no impact on transplant hospitals and low staff burden on organ procurement organizations, who will need time to review additional data points.

5. Update and Improve Efficiency in Living Donor Data Collection

Decision: No decisions were made.

Summary of discussion:

This proposal is no longer going out for January 2025 public comment.

6. Escalation of Status for Time on LVAD

Decision: The proposal was determined to have a low overall fiscal impact on transplant hospitals. No significant fiscal impacts were recorded for histocompatibility labs or OPOs.

Summary of discussion:

The workgroup found this proposal to have low fiscal impact and a low burden on staff. Members stated that data is already collected and would just need to be transcribed for a status update.

Upcoming Meeting

- TBD

Attendance

- **Workgroup Members**
 - Jason Huff
 - Chris Wood
 - Susan Zylicz
 - Theresa Daly
- **HRSA Staff**
 - Arjun Naik
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Stryker-Ann Vosteen
 - Jamie Panko
 - Houlder Hudgins
 - Kristina Hogan