

**OPTN Transplant Administrators Committee
Fiscal Impact Advisory Group
Meeting Summary
May 13, 2024
Conference Call**

Introduction

The Fiscal Impact Advisory Group met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 05/13/2024 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Introduction
2. Pre-waitlist Data and Communicating Post-Transplant Disease
3. Membership Requirements Revision
4. Promote Efficiency of Lung-Donor Testing

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

1. Introduction

Summary of presentation:

The FIG reviewed two proposals slated for the Summer 2024 public comment cycle – Lung Donor Testing and Membership Requirements Revision. The Workgroup also reviewed a project that fall under current HHS directive, Pre-Waitlist and Ventilated Patient Referral, as well as a project not currently going out for public comment, Communicating Post-Transplant Disease.

2. Pre-waitlist Data and Communicating Post-Transplant Disease

Decision: The Workgroup did not make any decisions.

Summary of discussion:

In reference to Pre-waitlist and Ventilated Patient Referral, an HHS directive prompted removal of this from official FIG review. The Workgroup still gave thoughts on the projects, citing the work to have a medium-high fiscal impact and a high staff burden. A member stated that project implementation would be burdensome on small programs. Another stated that the scope of this project may be large because of the number of phone referrals that are received.

In reference to Communicating Post-Transplant Disease, this project will not be going out for public comment this cycle. The Workgroup found this project to have a low fiscal impact and low staff burden, given that much of this testing is already done. Additional documentation on testing would be the main change.

Next steps:

None at this time.

3. Membership Requirements Revision

Decision: The Workgroup decided that this project had a low staff burden and fiscal impact.

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup officially reviewed revisions to Member Requirements. The Workgroup found the fiscal impact and staff burden to be low. A member asked who comes up with questions for membership requirements, and Staff stated that this is formed by OPTN Staff with MPSC referral. An OPTN Contractor staff member stated that if implemented, this project would include three phases, with general requirements, program inactivation/withdrawal, and key personnel requirements for specific organs being implemented. A member asked if these reassessments would be given at the same time as site surveys, which staff replied that it would be. Overall, the Workgroup found this to be a low-medium impact project given current information.

Next steps:

Workgroup feedback will be summarized and submitted as Fiscal Impact Review for the project proposal.

4. Promote Efficiency of Lung-Donor Testing

Decision: The Workgroup decided this project has a medium-high impact on Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs) and a low-medium impact on transplant hospitals.

Summary of discussion:

The Workgroup reviewed a project addressing quality concerns related to lung offers and testing requirements. The Workgroup found this to have a medium-high fiscal impact on OPOs, a low-medium fiscal and staff impact on transplant hospitals, given that more interventions, clinical tests, and portable software may be needed. A member raised concerns about implementation in Puerto Rico and other resource-burdened areas. Staff stated that a number of these tests would be only recorded “if performed,” as opposed to adding new testing requirements.

Next steps:

Workgroup feedback will be summarized and submitted as Fiscal Impact Review for the project proposal.

Upcoming Meeting

- TBD

Attendance

- **Committee Members**
 - Kevin Koomalsingh
 - Theresa Daly
 - Chuck Zollinger
 - Arjun Nalik
 - Crystal Usenko
 - Luke Preczewski
 - Amber Carriker
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Stryker-Ann Vosteen
 - Jamie Panko
 - Kimberly Uccellini
 - Kelley Poff
 - Robert Hunter
 - Marta Waris