

Review of Liver and Intestine Variances in OPTN Policy

OPTN Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee

Purpose of Proposal

- Align expiration dates of four current OPTN liver allocation variances
- Alignment of expiration dates will allow the OPTN Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee to consider which aspects of the four variances require incorporation into permanent OPTN policy, as they develop the new points-based allocation framework

Proposal

- Extend expiration dates of all four variances to expire upon implementation of continuous distribution of liver and intestinal organs

Variance	Policy Number	Description
ABO Blood Type Variance	9.12.B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implemented for HI in 1994; extended to include PR as part of acuity circles• For blood type O donors in HI and PR, variance removes priority for O and B candidates to include any blood type recipients in same classifications
HI/PR: Access for Medically Urgent Candidates	9.12.D	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides additional access to donors for Status 1A/1B and M/P 37+ candidates in HI and PR due to geographic isolation
Region 8 Split Liver	9.12.C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permits tx programs in Region 8 to offer second segment of split liver to candidate at same tx program or affiliated tx program after being offered to M/P 33+ and Status 1A/1B w/in 500 NM of donor hospital
Open Split Liver Variance	9.12.A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If tx program transplants right lobe or right tri-segment into index candidate, can transplant left lobe or left lateral segment into other candidate on match at same tx program

Rationale

- Extending and aligning the end dates for the four variances will allow the Committee to consider how to incorporate the variances into continuous distribution as they develop the points-based framework

Member Actions

- This proposal will not change the content of any of the variances
- Organ procurements organizations will need to be familiar with the variances and continue to work with transplant programs who are participating in the variances to allocate livers and intestines accordingly
- Participating transplant programs will continue to submit required data for duration of variances

What do you think?

- Does the community support aligning the expiration dates for the four liver variances in OPTN policy to expire upon implementation of continuous distribution of livers and intestines?