

**OPTN Transplant Administrator Committee
Fiscal Impact Advisory Workgroup
Meeting Summary
October 17, 2022
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The Fiscal Impact Advisory Workgroup of the Transplant Administrator Committee met via Citrix GoToMeeting teleconference on 10/17/2022 to discuss the potential fiscal impact of the following public comment proposals on the OPTN histocompatibility laboratories (lab), organ procurement organizations (OPO), and transplant programs:

1. Require Confirmatory HLA Typing for Deceased Donors (Histocompatibility Committee)
2. Improve Deceased Donor Evaluation for Endemic Diseases (Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee)
3. Align KPD Blood Type A, non-A1 and Blood Type AB, non-A1B Matching Policy with Kidney Blood Type Matching Policy (Kidney Transplantation Committee)

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

1. Require Confirmatory HLA Typing for Deceased Donors

Overview of Proposal

The purpose of this proposal is to improve patient safety by requiring two HLA typings be performed from specimens drawn at two separate times with the initial typing performed on deceased donors. This proposal should not affect allocation but has the potential to increase costs.

Summary of discussion:

- There were no comments and discussion on this proposal

2. Improve Deceased Donor Evaluation for Endemic Diseases

Overview of proposal

This proposal will require universal antibody testing for Strongyloides and targeted antibody screening for Chagas for all living and deceased donors born in South America, Central America, and Mexico (excluding the Caribbean Islands). The purpose is to reduce the number of donor-derived transmission events reported to the DTAC for these diseases.

Summary of discussion:

- There were no comments and discussion on this proposal

3. Align KPD Blood Type A, non-A1 and Blood Type AB, non-A1B Matching Policy with Kidney Blood Type Matching Policy

Overview of proposal

This proposal will align KPD Blood Type A, non-A1 and Blood Type AB, non-A1B Matching with that in Kidney policy. It allows programs to establish their own written policy regarding their titer thresholds for transplanting blood type A, nonA1, and blood type AB, nonA1B kidneys into candidates with blood type B and blood type O. This eligibility must be confirmed every 90 days, +/- 20 days.

Summary of discussion:

- There were no comments and discussion on this proposal

Upcoming Meeting(s)

- TBD

Attendance

- **Fiscal Impact Advisory Workgroup Members**
 - Amber Carriker
 - Andrea Tietjen
 - Christopher Wood
 - Lenore Hicks
 - Michelle James
 - Nancy Metzler
- **HRSA Representatives**
 - Shiree Southerland
 - Megan Hayden
- **SRTR Staff**
 - None
- **UNOS Staff**
 - Taylor Livelli
 - Robert Hunter
 - Kristina Hogan
 - Megan Oley
 - Susan Tlusty
 - Alex Carmack
- **Other Attendees**
 - Lara Danziger-Isakov, OPTN Ad Hoc Disease Transmission Advisory Committee