

## Clerical Changes to KP Transition Plan Policy

**Sponsoring Committee:** Pancreas Transplantation Committee

**Policy Affected:** Policy 11.4.B (Kidney-Pancreas Waiting Time Criteria for Candidates At Least 18 Years Old)

**Distributed for Public Comment:** No

**Effective Date:** Pending Implementation (Implementation Date: October 30, 2014)

### **Problem Statement**

In March 2014 the Executive Committee approved policy language changes for Policy 11.4.B: *Kidney-Pancreas Waiting Time Criteria for Candidates At Least 18 Years Old* (also known as “the KP Transition Plan”). One part of the policy language changes to Policy 11.4.B was the addition of one more condition that Kidney-Pancreas candidates must meet in order to accrue Kidney-Pancreas waiting time. Adding the conditions requires changing the numerical reference to the conditions in Policy 11.4.B. This proposal changes the numerical references to the Kidney-Pancreas conditions outlined in Policy 11.4.B.

### **Changes**

This proposal requests to change the numerical references to the Kidney-Pancreas waiting time criteria in Policy 11.4.B to match the changes to the language made in March 2014.

### **Member Actions**

Members do not need to take any action as a result of this clerical policy change.

### **Affected Policy Language:**

Proposed new language is underlined (example) and language that is proposed for removal is struck through (~~example~~).

#### **11.4.B Kidney-Pancreas Waiting Time Criteria for Candidates At Least 18 Years Old**

If a kidney-pancreas candidate is 18 years or older on the date the candidate is registered for a kidney-pancreas, then the candidate begins to accrue waiting time once the candidate has met all of the following conditions:

1. The candidate is registered for a kidney-pancreas.
2. The candidate qualifies for kidney waiting time according to *Policy 8.4: Waiting Time*.
3. The candidate meets *at least one* of the following criteria:
  - a. Is on insulin and C-peptide less than or equal to 2 ng/mL
  - b. Is on insulin and C-peptide greater than 2 ng/mL and has a body mass index (BMI) less than or equal to the maximum allowable BMI.

Once a kidney-pancreas candidate begins to accrue waiting time, the candidate will remain qualified for waiting time, unless the candidate was registered for a kidney-pancreas prior to implementation of this policy. A candidate who was registered for a kidney-pancreas, and accrued waiting time prior to implementation of this policy, will remain qualified if the candidate qualifies for kidney waiting time according to *Policy 8.4: Waiting Time*.

The maximum allowable BMI, for accruing waiting time, for a kidney-pancreas candidate, who is at least 18 years old at the time of kidney-pancreas registration, is 28 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. Every six months, the OPTN Contractor will determine the percent of kidney-pancreas candidates that meet criterion 32.b above. The OPTN Contractor will then modify the maximum allowable BMI according to *Table 11-1* below:

**Table 11-1: Maximum Allowable BMI**

If the percent of active kidney-pancreas candidates that meet criterion 32.b:	Then the OPTN Contractor will:
<b>Is greater than 15% nationally</b>	Reduce the maximum allowable BMI by 2 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Is less than 10% nationally</b>	Increase the maximum allowable BMI by 2 kg/m <sup>2</sup>

The OPTN Contractor may not modify the maximum allowable BMI to exceed 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. If the OPTN Contractor modifies the maximum allowable BMI, it must publish the modification and notify all kidney programs and pancreas programs.

Once a kidney-pancreas candidate qualifies for waiting time, the candidate will remain qualified for waiting time regardless of any changes to the maximum allowable BMI.

For candidates who qualify for kidney-pancreas waiting time, waiting time will begin when the candidate qualifies for waiting time according to this Policy. Transplant programs must document when and how a kidney-pancreas candidate qualified for waiting time.

To read the complete policy language visit [optn.transplant.hrsa.gov](http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov) or [www.unos.org](http://www.unos.org). From the OPTN website, select the "Policy Management" tab, then select "Policies." From the UNOS website, select "Policies" from the "I am looking for:" box in the upper left hand corner.

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