

Proposal to Reduce the Documentation Shipped with Organs

*Organ Procurement Organization Committee
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Board of Directors Meeting*

What problem will the proposal solve?

- Current policy requires OPOs to send complete donor record with each organ
- Requires extensive work by OPO staff to make copies of donor documentation
- Requirement originated before OPOs could upload information into DonorNet[®]

How does the proposal address the problem?

- Reduces the need to copy and ship documentation already provided to transplant programs
 - Blood type documentation and infectious disease testing results will still be packaged with each organ
 - Remaining documentation will be provided in DonorNet upon receipt of documentation

How does this proposal support the OPTN Strategic Plan?

Strategic Goal: *Promote the efficient management of the OPTN*

- Allow for more efficient and timely communication of donor information using DonorNet instead of paper documentation

Was this proposal changed in response to public comment?

- Public comment themes:
 - Concern about DonorNet access
 - Timeliness of uploads to DonorNet
 - Exception for VCA programs
 - Alignment with CMS regulations
- The Committee made one minor change to Policy 16.1 to address a conflict in policy

How will members implement this proposal?

- OPTN policy changes will not require any immediate action by members due to CMS requirements
- Once CMS requirements align:
 - OPOs must report required information in DonorNet upon receipt
 - OPOs must include ABO type and ID testing results with each organ

How will the OPTN implement this proposal?

- UNOS will work with HRSA and CMS to align OPTN and CMS requirements
- UNOS will notify members about the policy change through policy notices and future communications regarding CMS requirements

Overall Project Impact

Product

Policy modification

Impacted Populations:

OPOs and Transplant Hospitals

Total IT Implementation Hours

0/8,730

Total Overall Implementation and Maintenance Hours

135/15,065

Resolution 16 (page 163)

- **RESOLVED**, that changes to Policies 2.2 (OPO Responsibilities), 16.1 (Organs Recovered by Living Donor Recovery Hospitals), and 16.4. A (Organ Documentation), as set forth below, are hereby approved, effective March 1, 2016.

Questions?

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Imminent and Eligible Death Data Definitions – Change Effective Date

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Background

- New I&E definitions were approved by the Board in June 2013
- Board has delayed the effective date twice to allow time for CMS to make the necessary regulatory changes
- The Committee is requesting that the effective date be changed from January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017

Resolution 20 (page 218)

- **RESOLVED**, that the effective date for changes to the definitions of Eligible Death and Imminent Neurological Death in Policy 1.2, which were approved by the Board of Directors on June 24, 2013, be changed from January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017.