Membership Requirements for VCA Programs

VCA Committee
June 2015
The Problem

- Current VCA program requirements have a sunset provision of September 1, 2015
  - Report type(s) of VCA a hospital will transplant
  - Identify reconstructive surgeon and transplant physician
  - Assurance from local OPO

- No training or experience requirements for VCA program key personnel
### Strategic Plan Alignment

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Proposed Solutions

• Focus of proposal is on VCA Transplant programs

• Establish objective credentialing, training, and experience requirements for medical and surgical leaders involved in VCA transplantation
Public Comment Themes

- Related to general requirements
- Related to living donor recovery and/or transplant
- Related to physician or surgeon qualifications
Post-public comment action

- Guidance Document on VCAs from Living Donors will address many concerns related to living donation
- Added primary transplant surgeon for intestine transplant programs
- Added explanatory content to Briefing Paper
What Members will Need to Do

- OPTN-approved VCA programs must re-apply for OPTN membership
  - Complete and submit formal application

- Key personnel must meet OPTN membership criteria in effect at the time of the program’s application
# Overall Project Impact

**Product**  
*Changes to OPTN Bylaws, Appendix J*

## Target Population Impact:

- **VCA Transplant Programs**

## Total IT Implementation Hours

- **1,065/16,680**

## Total Overall Implementation Hours

- **1,580/23,685**
Board Policy Group Recommendation

- 1-Approve without further discussion
- 2-Approve but discuss
- 0-Decline but discuss
- 6-No recommendation but discuss
RESOLVED, that changes to Bylaws, Appendix J, as set forth below in lines 7-264, are hereby approved, effective pending implementation and notice to members.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the current Bylaws Appendix J, as forth below in lines 265-293, are effective until lines 7 – 264 are implemented.
Amendment 1

- Line 227:
  - strike: intestine,
  - As shown below:
    - transplant surgeon requirements of a head and neck, intestine, kidney, liver, pancreas, or