

**OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2018
Conference Call**

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Introduction

The Executive Committee met via teleconference on 08/09/2018 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Response to July 31st, 2018 letter from HRSA

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

1. Response to July 31st, 2018 letter from HRSA

Highlights from the letter received from HRSA Administrator on July 31, 2018, were presented by the OPTN Executive Director.

As discussed in last week's meeting, the Administrator sent a letter to the OPTN having reviewed critical comments of OPTN policies and concluding that DSAs and regions are not appropriate tools for determining the distribution of organs. The Administrator directed that the Board revise policy so that they employ consistent and final rule-compliant rationales for any time that organs are kept near the donor or geography distribution is restricted. He calls on OPTN to complete the path laid out by the EC in the letter of June 25th addressing liver issues.

The Executive Director then reviewed the response to the HRSA Administrator on behalf of the OPTN. The letter discusses what types of tools and processes the OPTN will utilize to develop policies in compliance with the final rule as well as all organ-specific tasks and timelines related to removing DSA and region from policy. It notes that the Ad Hoc Geography Committee intends to meet monthly to receive updates on these proposals and provide guidance to their sponsoring committees. The OPTN commits itself to complete these tasks as expeditiously as possible while ensuring appropriate process and analysis to avoid unintended harm to patients and confirm compliance with the final rule. All policy revisions, once implemented, will be monitored and revised timely, as needed.

The Committee Chair noted that the adjusted timeline indicated for kidney and pancreas seemed appropriate; five other members concurred.

The Committee Chair reminded the group that this letter would be featured in the regional meeting slides for the coming cycle, and that a full Board meeting on Monday would review the Regional Councillor update planned. Executive Committee members are reminded that their presence at these meetings is critical.

With no further comment, the meeting was adjourned.