

Modify Candidate Waiting Time Dates Affected by Race-Based eGFR Calculations

OPTN Minority Affairs and Kidney Transplantation Committees

Purpose of Proposal

- Address waiting time modification for registered Black kidney candidates affected by race-inclusive eGFR calculations
 - Provide a pathway for affected candidates to regain any time lost due to use of race-inclusive eGFR calculations
 - Increase equity in access to transplantation by providing programs the opportunity to request eGFR waiting time modifications for affected registered candidates

Proposal

- **Qualifying Population**

- Waiting time will be restored to registered Black kidney candidates whose waiting time was affected by race-inclusive eGFR calculations, and meet documentation and timeframe criteria

- **Required documentation**

- Option 1: Candidate's eGFR values for Black and non-Black candidates

OR

- Option 2: Candidate's eGFR with a race- inclusive calculation and a re-estimation of GFR with a race-neutral calculation

- **Timeframe**

- 365 day period to submit an eGFR waiting time modification
- Affected candidates may regain all lost waiting time: No cap or maximum time limits

Rationale

- *Establish OPTN Requirement for Race-Neutral eGFR Calculations* was implemented prospectively on July 27, 2022
 - Prohibits the use of race variables in eGFR calculations
- During winter 2022, the Committees asked the community:
 - “Should the OPTN consider developing a pathway for transplant centers to modify waiting time for kidney candidates who could have begun accruing waiting time at an earlier date if race-neutral eGFR calculation was used? If yes, how could this be done?”
 - The community indicated interest, but did not provide detailed feedback

Rationale

- *Modify Candidate Waiting Time Dates Affected by Race-Based eGFR Calculations* provides an opportunity for transplant hospitals to apply race- neutral calculations to candidates already registered to the waiting list
 - The Committees seek further input on this proposal to develop an equity- driven solution
- Rational for limited scope
 - Black kidney candidates have been negatively impacted by the common and long-standing use of race in estimation of GFR values
 - Opportunity to propose a solution that supports increased equity in access to transplantation for a historically disadvantaged population.

Member Actions

- While transplant hospitals are not required to submit eGFR waiting time modifications, the Committees encourage member participation in this opportunity
- Participating programs will be responsible for assessment of their waiting lists for qualifying candidates and submission of required documentation

What do you think?

- Do community members agree with the proposed eGFR waiting time modification pathway?
- Do community members propose an alternative eGFR waiting time modification pathway?
- What kind of education resources would assist programs in participating?
- What potential unintended consequences or challenges should be considered during this proposal's development? Do those consequences or challenges outweigh the benefits of the proposed waiting time modification pathway?
- Are there other waiting time modification scenarios that the members would like the committees to consider?
- Does the community agree with the proposed scope, timeframe and required documentation?