



HRSA Updates

OPTN Regional Meetings

Division of Transplantation
Health Systems Bureau (HSB)
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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



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OPTN Modernization Update

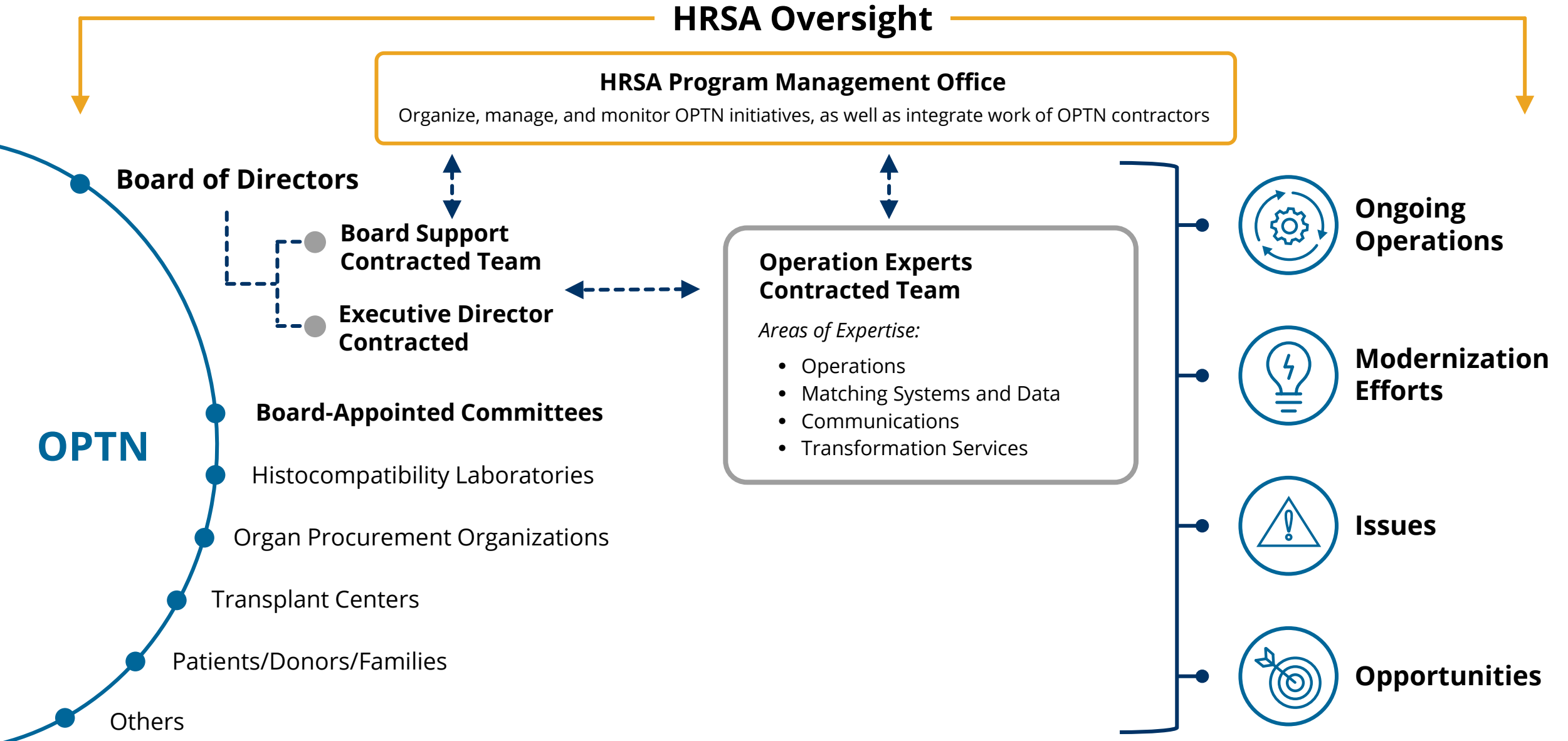


OPTN Modernization Initiative

The **OPTN Modernization Initiative** is centered on putting **patients first**, prioritizing **information flow to clinicians**, promoting **innovation**, and enhancing **transparency and accountability**.



Future Operations



Modernization Next Steps

- Select an interim OPTN Executive Director
- Award a Board Support contract in Fall 2024
 - Recruit a new OPTN Executive Director
 - Develop a new process and hold a special election for OPTN Board members
 - Review of governance structure, bylaws and policies
- Award Transition Operations contracts in Fall 2024
 - Continue to support access to transplant
 - Document and propose improvements to operations and processes (Patient Safety/MPSC, Finance, IT systems, Organ Tracking)
 - Begin data and system discovery and documentation efforts



Help Shape the Future of OPTN

- **Stay informed** – Get updates on the OPTN Modernization
 - Online at <https://www.hrsa.gov/optn-modernization>
- **Participate on OPTN Committees or Board of Directors** – Help research, develop, and draft transplant policy through participation on an OPTN committee
- **Share Your Experience** – Apply your expertise and lived experience as a volunteer on ad hoc workgroups and task forces



Data Directive Status



Pre-Waitlist: Referral and Evaluation Registration Forms (RERF)

Goal: Address inequities in access to transplantation and substantial variation in practice across transplant programs with respect to transplant access.



Form 1: For Referral

Demographics, Contact Information, OPTN Patient ID, Financial Resources
Referral Date, Provider, Status

Form 2: For Evaluation

Demographics, Contact Information, OPTN Patient ID, Financial Resources
Patient Measurements, Evaluation Details

Ventilated Patient Form (VPF)

Goal: To better support the CMS Condition for Coverage that requires OPOs to report certain data on potential deceased donors and improve access to transplant.

The VPF now integrates additional patient- and family-focused OPO processes, including:



1. Modality of first approach
2. Language of first approach
3. Interpreter for approach

Data fields have been further refined to **reduce burden** and **improve integration** with information OPOs currently collect in DonorNet and OPO EMRs.

Public Comment Schedule



- New data collection forms will be going to the federal register for 60-day public comment this Fall
- After compiling feedback, HRSA will make revisions and put a revised form out for 30-days
- Upon approval the OPTN will begin outreach and implementation with the community

Revisions to Membership Application & Requirements



Comprehensive Review of OPTN Membership Policies



- The OPTN Modernization Initiative calls for a comprehensive review of OPTN policies and practices to ensure they are patient-centered and advance equity, transparency, and accountability.
- HRSA appreciates the MPSC and collaborating committees' efforts and would like to strengthen these efforts with additional expert support to take a holistic review of membership requirements.
- HRSA will include the work MPSC has already begun in this area in our broader efforts.

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