# Monitor Ongoing eGFR Modification Policy Requirements

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## Purpose of Proposal

Update and enhance ongoing policy requirements in OPTN Policy 3.7.D:
Waiting Time Modifications for Kidney Candidates Affected by Race
Inclusive eGFR Calculations

## **Proposal**

- Specifically, the MAC proposes three areas for which programs must have documented, in writing, specific protocols to address the requirements of OPTN Policy 3.7.D:
  - Confirming candidate race
  - Fulfilling notification requirements
  - Seeking supporting documentation, including at a minimum what sources will be reviewed

## Proposal

- Update ongoing requirements for OPTN Policy 3.7.D
  - 3.7.D.i. Notification Requirement
    - Update notification requirements to include education, eligibility, and outcome\* notifications for candidates
    - Apply proposed notification requirements to kidney candidates registered on or after January 4, 2024
  - 3.7.D.ii Determination of Eligible Candidates
    - Update language to support the existing requirement that every kidney candidate registered on the OPTN waiting list is required to be assessed for eGFR Waiting time modification eligibility
  - 3.7.D.iv Reporting Requirements for Kidney Transplant Programs
    - Remove outdated language that required each program to submit attestation documentation by January 3, 2024

#### Rationale

- This policy project was referred to the Minority Affairs Committee by the Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC).
- The MPSC identified an opportunity to provide more explicit direction for transplant programs after observing that transplant programs implemented the policy requirements in various ways

#### Member Actions

- Transplant programs would be responsible for
  - Ensuring that all kidney candidates registered to the OPTN Waiting List on or after January 4, 2024, are notified of their eligibility and any outcomes of submitted wait time modifications
  - Documenting, in writing, the program's protocol for meeting the requirements of Policy 3.7.D, and to document the program's compliance with that protocol. Specific protocols include:
    - Confirming candidate race
    - Fulfilling notification requirements
    - Seeking supporting documentation, including at a minimum what sources will be reviewed

## What do you think?

- Are the more explicit notification requirements easy to understand or is additional clarification needed?
- Do community members support the application of updated, more explicit notification requirements for all candidates registered on or after January 4, 2024? Why or why not?
- What are other ways the OPTN can support patient and donor families by strengthening the evaluation requirements for eligibility for eGFR waiting time modifications?
- After reading the proposal and the updated policy language, do kidney transplant programs better understand how to meet the policy requirements? Could any areas be further clarified?
- What additional education or guidance would be helpful to programs for implementation of this policy change?

### **FAQs**

- Can you tell me more about why the Committee opted to pursue this project at this time?
- What was the development process for this proposal?
- Why is the Committee proposing that the notification requirements should be applied to candidates registered on or after January 4, 2024?
- Can you tell me more about what it means for a programs to have "specific written protocols and thorough documentation"?

## Additional Questions?

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#### Provide Feedback

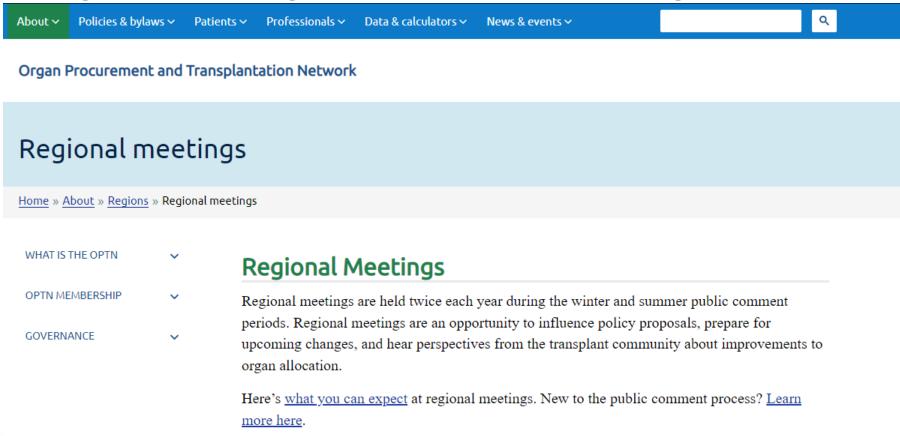
#### Submit public comments on the OPTN website

- January 21 March 19, 2025
- optn.transplant.hrsa.gov



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## Thank You For Listening!