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Date: May 10, 2022
TO: OSOTC Board Members, Transplant Hospitals and Team Members
FROM: Jennifer Dorrell, Executive Director
RE: Anticipated Changes to ODH rules and OSOTC Interim Changes

It is highly anticipated that the Ohio Department of Health will make significant changes to the statewide patient review requirement prior to listing with UNOS. While we have not yet had an official update from the ODH on changes to the rules pertaining to the patient review process, on May 6, 2022 the OSOTC Board members voted to implement temporary interim changes that still follow the spirit of the current rules, but allows patients to be reviewed and listed with less delay.

These changes will go into effect on Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

New changes for Medically Urgent CD patients:

Patients presenting for extra-renal transplantation that have histories of alcohol or substance dependency should be reviewed for transplant eligibility at the local institutional level in compliance with institutional policy. The OSOTC Chemical Dependency Committee will be available to review individual patients at the request of the evaluating institution.

1. Medically Urgent patients will no longer need to be evaluated by the CD Committee via conference call.
2. Medically Urgent patients will need to have the medically urgent form uploaded with the candidate summary at the time of submission to the review website. The patient narrative is no longer required for review.

For all patient reviews:

All patients will need to continue be submitted to be the OSOTC for review for OPTN listing/active status determination. Interim-approval will be granted at the time of submission provided that the candidate meets all statewide patient selection criteria. Organ-Specific Patient Selection Committee Review members will have 24 hours from the time of patient registration to review and register any concerns. If no concerns are registered, the candidate will be considered fully-approved and OSOTC will provide the approval letter.

1. OSOTC will provide the approval letter 24 hours/1 business day after registration. Please be aware that candidates submitted to the OSOTC website on Friday will not receive an approval letter until Monday, as the OSOTC office is closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Medicaid patients:

In-State Medicaid: Please continue to upload the Ohio Medicaid Required Information Form when uploading candidates for review.

Out-of-State Medicaid: Reviewers will be notified by separate email from the OSOTC office that there is a candidate that needs their review.

**As this process is new, there may be ongoing adjustments that may need to be made. Thank you. **
