

The Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) has reached the tenth-month point since the implementation of [OPTN Policy 3.7.D](#). This policy requires transplant programs to assess their waiting lists and submit waiting time modifications for Black candidates affected by race-inclusive eGFR calculations. **As a reminder, all kidney programs are required to complete all policy requirements by Jan. 3, 2024.**

What all kidney programs are required to do:

By Jan. 3, 2024

- Send a notification informing all kidney candidates on their waiting list of the requirements of the transplant program according to the policy
- Assess their respective kidney waiting lists to identify all affected Black kidney candidates and determine whether a race-neutral eGFR calculation shows candidates should have qualified sooner to start accruing waiting time for a transplant
- Submit completed waiting time modification requests to the OPTN for every candidate who should have qualified to accrue waiting time sooner
- Send a second notification to inform each kidney candidate of their eligibility status
- Provide an attestation to the OPTN that the above requirements have been met
 - **All kidney programs are required to submit eGFR attestation documentation by Jan. 3, 2024**

After Jan. 3, 2024

- Continue to notify all newly registered kidney candidates of the requirements of the transplant program according to the policy
- Assess newly registered kidney candidates to determine eligibility
- Submit completed waiting time modification requests to the OPTN for every candidate who should have qualified to accrue waiting time sooner

What if kidney programs do not submit attestations by Jan. 3, 2024?

When the OPTN becomes aware of a member's potential noncompliance with OPTN obligations, the OPTN will gather information about the incident for [OPTN Membership and Professional Standards Committee's \(MPSC\) review](#). The MPSC reviews the information to determine the appropriate action based on the case type and member response. Programs that have not met the requirements by Jan. 3, 2024, may be identified as out of compliance.

Education and resources

- In the OPTN Learning Management system known as [UNOS Connect](#):
 - Educational offering: Waiting Time Modifications for Kidney Candidates Affected by Race-Inclusive eGFR Calculations
 - Review policy change impacts, understand policy process needs, and get sample notification and attestation language

- On the OPTN website
 - Read the [OPTN policy notice](#)
 - [eGFR waiting time modification policy toolkit](#)
 - Find FAQs for professionals and patients plus other resources

- In the OPTN Data Services Portal
 - A custom reporting tool is available to help programs identify those candidates registered as Black or African American