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NYS Transplant Council Meeting

December 11, 2025 / 28 Liberty Street, Manhattan, NY

AGENDA

- **Introductions**
- **Welcome and Remarks by Dr. Fish and Dr. Heslin**
- **Chairperson Report**
- **Approval of Minutes**
- **Updates**
- **Committee Reports**
- **New Business**



Update on Federal, State and Department Activities



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NATIONAL, STATE & DEPARTMENT UPDATES

1. National/Federal Updates

- **Organ Procurement and Transplant Network (OPTN) Changes**
- **Impact of Federal Transition and Shutdown on Donation and Transplantation**
- **Issues Facing the Field**
 1. **Allocation out of Sequence**
 2. **Donation after Cardiac Death**

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2. State & Department Updates

- **Recent Appointments**
 - **Mark Hennessey, Deputy Director, Office of Primary Care and Health Systems Management, Office of Health Care Delivery**
- **Regulatory Updates**
 - **Multiple-listing at NYS Transplant Centers now allowed**
 - **Establishing a new lung program now requires a full CON**

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3. Program Updates

- **Licensure, Survey & Surveillance**
 - **Offsite component of Pre-opening survey underway at North Shore University Hospital Pancreas Transplant Program.**
 - **CMS certification/re-certification surveys affected by federal shutdown.**



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3. Program Updates, continued

- **Licensure, Survey & Surveillance**
 - **Certificate of Need application filed by New York University Hospital-Brooklyn seeking to open a new kidney transplant program received approval, contingent upon Organ Procurement and Transplant Network (OPTN) approval; Pre-opening survey to follow.**



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3. Program Updates, continued

- **Implementation of New Registry Enrollment Sources continues**
 - **Health Insurance Plan Law**
 - **Electronic Health Record Law**

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3. Program Updates, continued

- **Living Donor Support Program Update by Samantha Cassidy**
 - **Launched 10/22/2025**
 - **Program website:** [Living Donor Support Program](#)
 - **Contains:** Living Donor Support Act, Program Regulations, Information about the Program, Applications for Eligibility and Reimbursement, Educational Material and Guidance, FAQs
 - **Dedicated Program email inbox;** LivingDonor@health.ny.gov ;
 - **Dedicated Program phone line:** 518-408-3431

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3. Program Updates, continued

- **Living Donor Support Program**
 - **Three-part Eligibility Application: donor, recipient and transplant center components.**
 - **Must be submitted by the Transplant Center before surgery occurs, with the exception of Legacy Donors.***
 - **Eligibility Criteria: Both the donor and the ultimate recipient must be New York State residents.**
 - **Applicants will be notified of Program decision and next steps.**

**Legacy Donors are New Yorkers who made a living organ donation to another New Yorker between April 1, 2023 and October 22, 2025.*



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3. Program Updates, continued

- **Living Donor Support Program**
 - **After being accepted into the Program and an account is set up in the Statewide Financial System, program participants may begin to submit applications for reimbursement.**
 - **Eligible expenses include lost wages, travel, dependent care, unreimbursed medical care/medication, and support person.**
 - **Program may only reimburse after third-parties that could have reimbursed for eligible expenses have done so.**
 - **Maximum potential reimbursement is \$14,000.**

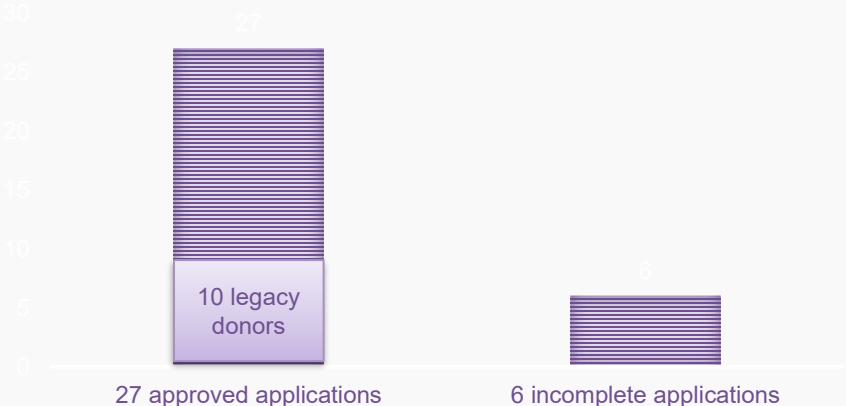


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3. Program Updates, continued

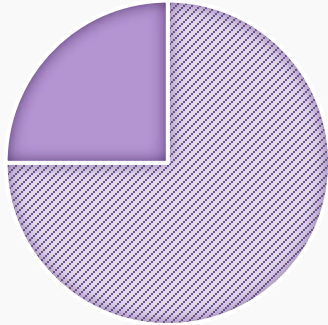
- Living Donor Support Program
 - Review of Program Activity to Date

LIVING DONOR SUPPORT PROGRAM
33 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED,
AS OF 12/8/25



LIVING DONOR SUPPORT PROGRAM
4 REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS
RECEIVED, AS OF 12/8/25

▪ 3 Approved and submitted for payment ▪ 1 Approved and paid



- Program Staff Updates

Reports of Standing and Special Committees



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REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- 1. Ethics Committee Report by Andrew Flescher, PhD**
- 2. NASEM Committee Report by Nancy Metzler**



ORGAN RECOVERY CREDENTIALING TASKFORCE

- The Council passed a motion to establish an Organ Recovery Credentialing Taskforce as a result of Council member concerns about the training and competency of persons involved in organ procurement.
- Review of Activities to Date
 - Efforts to identify members of a NY taskforce are progressing.
 - In the meantime, the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS) has established a group actively working on this topic.
 - *Question: Given the other priorities of the Council, work already underway by ASTS and limited resources, does NYS Transplant Council still see a need for a separate workgroup to explore and make recommendations regarding this topic?*



New Business

Spring 2026 Meeting Date
Plan for Election of Vice Chairperson





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