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On behalf of the American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA), thank you for allowing us the opportunity to comment on the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) Public Comment Proposals- **Winter 2022 (Due March 23, 2022)**. Our comments for several of the current policy proposals are as follows:

OPTN Standards for Public Comment- Winter 2022 (Due 03/23/2022)

Pediatric Candidate Pre-Transplant HIV, HBV, and HCV Testing

ANNA supports with consideration of weight vs age and with set parameters on time frame for testing prior to transplantation.

Establish Eligibility Criteria and Safety Net for Heart-Kidney and Lung-Kidney Allocation

ANNA supports this proposal and agrees with establishing eligibility criteria and prioritization for safety net.

Redesign Map of OPTN Regions

ANNA needs more information regarding risks and benefits before commenting or choosing an option on this project.

Proposal to Revise the OPTN Charter

ANNA supports

Reinstatement of Updates to Candidate Data During the COVID-19 Emergency

ANNA supports and appreciates this consideration.

Change Calculated Panel Reactive Antibody (CPRA) Calculation

ANNA supports

Establish Minimum Kidney Donor Criteria to Require Biopsy

ANNA supports



Modify Living Donor Exclusion Criteria

ANNA supports and agrees with concern for safety while allowing more autonomy to transplant hospitals.

Establish OPTN Requirement for Race- Neutral eGFR Calculations

ANNA strongly supports

Sincerely,

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