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**Maryland Health Care Commission
Organ Transplantation Work Group Meeting
January 7, 2015
1:00pm-3:00pm**

Agenda

1. Review Meeting Minutes
2. Review White Paper Corrections
3. Follow-up on Pediatric Kidney Transplant Program Information
4. Policies Regarding Access to Services
 - Policy 12 states that services should be accessible within a three-hour drive time for most Marylanders (see page 22 in COMAR 10.24.15).
 - Disparities in access to care and organ procurement
5. Policies Regarding Program Quality
 - Policy 6 states a preference for fewer programs with higher volumes, instead of more programs at threshold or minimum volumes (see page 16 in COMAR 10.24.15).
 - Policy 14 states a preference for expansion of existing programs over a new program (see page 24 in COMAR 10.24.15).
 - Minimum Volume Standard states that existing programs must meet minimum volumes or its authority to operate the program will be withdrawn (see page 29 in COMAR 10.24.15).
6. Organ Transplantation Utilization/Need Methodology
 - Current need methodology (see pages 34-37 in COMAR 10.24.15)
 - Alternative approaches
7. 10.24.15 Polices regarding Patient Education & Advocacy for Increased Donations
 - Policy 3 advocates for prevention and early detection of factors leading to end stage organ failure (see page 14 in COMAR 10.24.15).
 - Policy 13 advocates for support of Maryland's Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Fund (see page 22 in COMAR 10.24.15).
8. Next Steps