



**MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION**

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**Maryland Health Care Commission  
Organ Transplantation Work Group Meeting  
August 31, 2016 10:00am**

**Agenda**

I. Introduction

- Purpose of the meeting
- Key points from Commission meeting held in July 2016

II. Disparity Between Demand and Supply of Organs

- MHCC staff description of how draft regulations address this issue.
  - i. Policy 3
  - ii. Project review standards (Need and Comparative Reviews)
- Should additional changes to the draft regulations be considered to address the disparity between the demand and supply of organs?

III. Docketing Rules

- Do these rules potentially have an impact on maximal use of organs?
- Will greater competition among organ transplant programs benefit patients through increasing the number of transplants, improving outcomes, or spurring innovation?

IV. Threshold Volume Standards

- What should the key considerations be in setting the threshold volume standards?
- Is the right balance struck with the draft proposed threshold volume standards?

V. Future Initiatives Apart from CON Regulations for Reducing the Disparity Between the Supply and Demand for Organs

- Staff encourages members to offer suggestions

VI. Next Steps

- Report on the work group's discussion at the September Commission meeting (9/20/16) and potentially request approval of replacement proposed permanent regulations for COMAR 10.24.15.