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**STANDARDS FOR THE COVERAGE OF ORGAN TRANSPLANT SERVICES**

-Organ and tissue transplantation services must be performed in hospitals approved by the Commissioner of Health and the hospital must be a member of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network approved by the Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and must abide by its rules and requirements.

-The hospital must participate in a patient registry program with an organ procurement organization designated by the Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

-The hospital must ensure that written policies are developed and that the written criteria used for the selection of patients for transplant services must be consistent with professional standards of practice and applied consistently.

-Chapter 589 of the Laws of 1990 amended the Public Health Law to provide for more equitable access to donated organs. To ensure equitable access to human organs to persons in need of transplants:

- Each Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) must maintain a single waiting list for each type of organ and the policies and procedures for distributing organs to potential recipients must take into account patient factors such as tissue type.
- No OPO designated to serve any part of New York State shall place any person on a waiting list for the allocation of organ(s) for transplantation if that person is listed on another waiting list for the same organ. The OPO must insure that the patient is not already listed by another OPO.
- Each facility performing transplant services shall inform every transplant candidate that no patient may place his or her name on a waiting list maintained by an OPO designated to serve any part of New York State if the person is listed on any other waiting list maintained by another such OPO.

-The hospital must maintain a record of all patients who are referred for transplantation and the date of their referral, the results of the evaluation of all candidates for transplantation which documents the reasons a candidate is determined to be either suitable or unsuitable for transplantation, the date suitable candidates are selected for transplantation, the date the transplantation surgery occurred, the organs utilized, and the donor.

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