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Dear Kidney Transplant Candidate,

You are receiving this letter because you are registered on the waiting list for a kidney transplant at [REDACTED]. This letter contains important information about a recent Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) policy change that may affect waiting time for some kidney candidates.

Transplant centers use a formula or calculation called Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate (eGFR) to determine how well a patient's kidneys are functioning. eGFR values are used as a qualifying threshold for placing a patient on the kidney transplant waiting list and one of the ways a candidate can accrue waiting time on the list. Historically, it was common practice for transplant centers to use an eGFR calculator that included the candidate's race (race-inclusive). However, recent research suggests that using a race-inclusive eGFR calculator does not accurately reflect Black or African American patients' kidney function and could disadvantage their access to the waiting list and accrual of waiting time. In July of 2022, the OPTN implemented a policy that requires all transplant centers to use a race-neutral eGFR calculator, meaning race can no longer be a factor included in the calculation, to ensure an accurate estimate of a patient's kidney function, regardless of race.

In January of 2023, the OPTN implemented a new policy *3.7.D Waiting Time Modifications for Kidney Candidates Affected by Race-Inclusive eGFR Calculations*. This policy allows transplant centers to modify the waiting time of impacted Black or African American candidates whose waiting time was disadvantaged due to the use of a race-inclusive eGFR calculator. Transplant centers are required to correct the waiting time for these candidates by January 3, 2024.

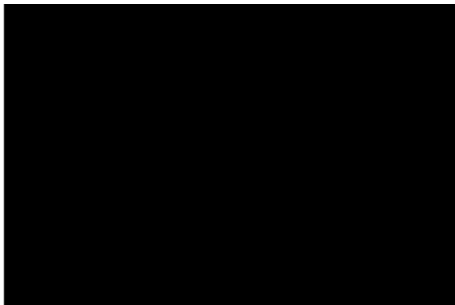
Based on our records, your race has not been identified as Black or African American so your wait time was not disadvantaged and does not need to be corrected. If you feel your race has been recorded incorrectly or if you have any questions regarding this policy change, please contact [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] and ask for your assigned Transplant Coordinator.

If you would like to learn more about eGFR and this policy change, please visit the following OPTN website: <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/patients/by-organ/kidney/understanding-the-proposal-to-require-race-neutral-egfr-calculations/>.

Sincerely,

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Based on our records, your race has been identified as Black or African American so you may qualify for a modification in your waiting time. We will review your medical record in an attempt to find lab data that could qualify you for a modification in your waiting time. This letter only serves as a notification of the policy change. You will receive another notification regarding your waiting time modification eligibility. If you have any questions regarding this policy change, please contact:



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