

August 11, 2026

John Magee, MD
President, Board of Directors
Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Dr. Magee:

I am writing to inform you that the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), acting as the Secretary of Health and Human Services' designee, approves the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) Board of Directors recommended fiscal year (FY) 2027 Patient Registration Fee of **\$1,268¹** per registration effective October 1, 2026, a 22 percent increase over FY 2026.

HRSA's decision is based on the following:

- (1) Prior to FY 2026, the registration fee amount remained unchanged despite rising operational costs, with the gap covered by surplus funds in the OPTN operating account. Since those funds have been exhausted, and the cost of OPTN operations has continued to rise, an increase to the fee is necessary to reflect the true, ongoing cost of operating OPTN.
- (2) The recommended fee amount includes funding to support OPTN Board-approved policy projects and required secretarial directives, as well as a set-aside for new and/or unplanned policy projects and directives, enabling OPTN and HRSA to be responsive to emerging patient safety and compliance issues and ensure the national organ procurement and transplant system can meet the needs of patients and families.

¹ The fee of \$1,267.30 was recommended by the OPTN Board of Directors for FY 2027 in a vote on June 18, 2026. For administrative expediency, HRSA has rounded the fee to \$1,268.00 pursuant to the Secretary's authority, as set forth in 42 C.F.R. § 121.5(c), to modify the amount of the fee as submitted by the OPTN.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Raymond Lynch, Director, Division of Transplantation, Health Systems Bureau, HRSA [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

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