

OPTN

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OPTN | Ventilated Patient Form (VPF) Webinar

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Welcome

What is the VPF?

The purpose of the Ventilated Patient Form (VPF) is to collect demographic information and OPO process data on patients who:

- have a documented Pronouncement of Death, and
- were ventilated during their terminal hospitalization

VPF | How We Arrived Here

Initial announcement of Secretarial data directive	Feb. 2024
Federal Register publication ; 60-day public comment process begins for draft data forms and proposal	Nov. 2024
Federal Register publication ; 30-day public comment process begins with modifications to forms and proposal*	July 2025
OMB final approval of data collection forms	Jan. 2026
First OPO begins submitting Production VPF data through the VPF API	Jan. 2026
HRSA meets with OPOs on VPF data specs (20+ meetings)	Aug 2025-July 2026
OPO workgroup (7 OPOS) met with HRSA to define critical VPF data elements	Jan-March 2026
HRSA partnering with EMR providers on VPF EMR Interfaces and User Testing	Jan-July 2026



***OPTN commented and solicited public comment using OPTN member lists**

OPO VPF Work Group Participants

Thank you to the OPOs and individuals who participated in the VPF Data Working Group

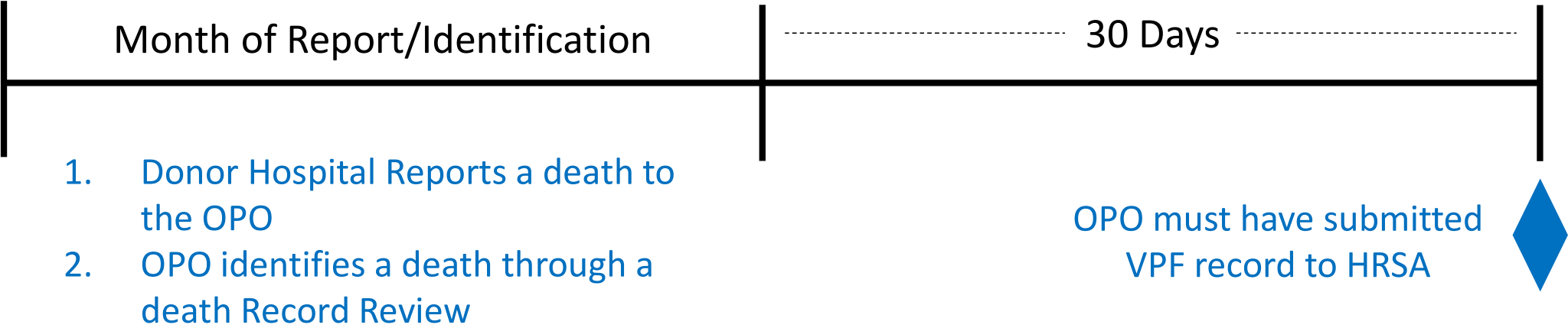
- Mid-America Transplant (Tom Levanos)
- Louisiana Organ Procurement Agency (Dr. Maureen Ezzell)
- Donor Network West (Aninda Dutta)
- Donor Alliance (Jennifer Prinz)
- Life Connection of Ohio (Frank Thompson)
- Finger Lakes Donor Recovery Network (Judy Gierlach)
- Southwest Transplant Alliance (Dr. Geoffrey Funk)

OPO's Supporting Testing of the VPF Data Submission Process



VPF Record Submission Requirements

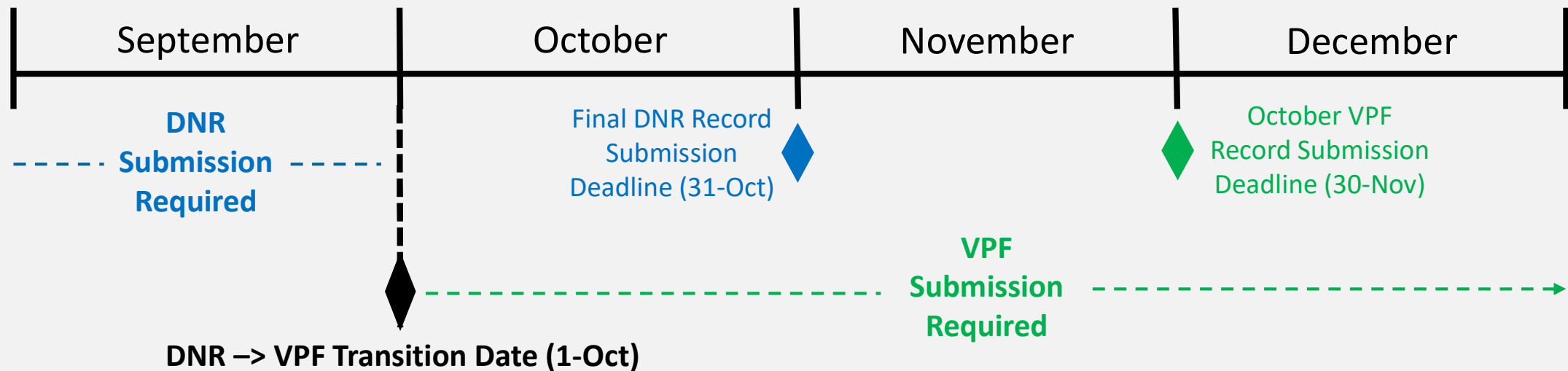
OPOs may update and submit the VPF anytime up to 30 days after the end of the month in which a donor hospital reports a death to the OPO or the OPO identifies the death through a death record review, consistent with HRSA policy.



VPF Onboarding & DNR Retirement Milestones

Milestone Date for changeover from DNR to VPF reporting is **October 1st, 2026**

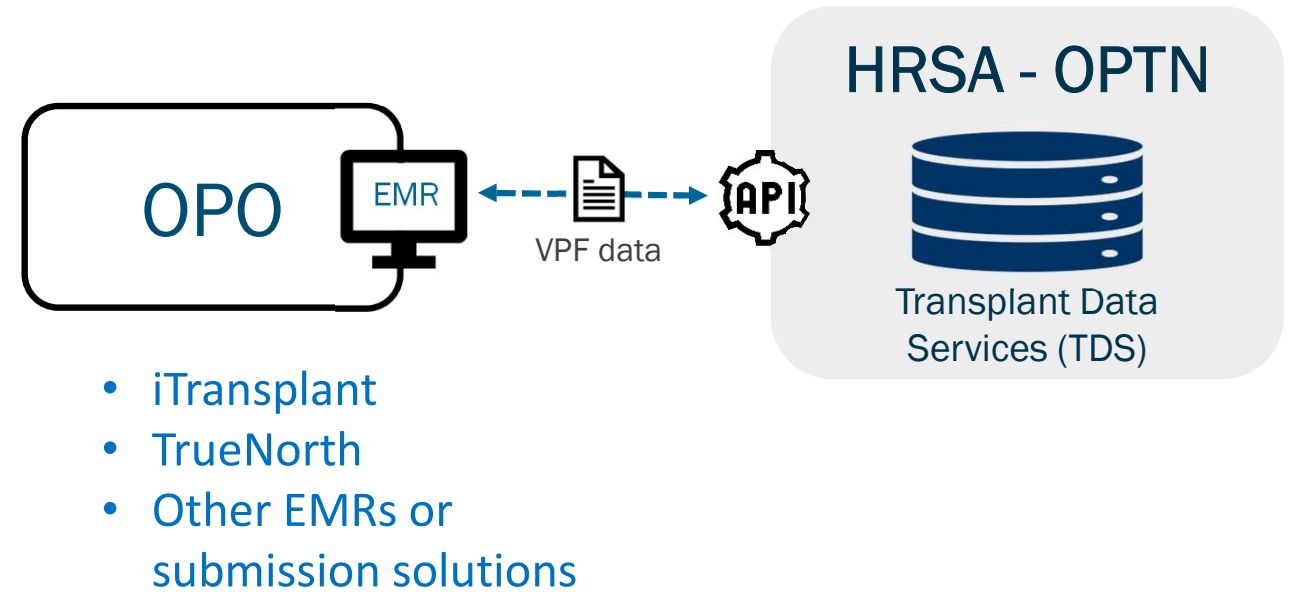
- **DNR**: Patient referrals on or before Sept. 30, 2026: Use the Death Notification Registration (DNR) form.
 - OPOs must submit forms for referred patients for the month of September by Oct. 31, 2026
- **VPF**: Patient referrals on or after Oct. 1, 2026: Use the Ventilated Patient Form (VPF).
 - OPOs must submit forms for referred patients for October by Nov. 30, 2026



VPF Concept & Implementation

The VPF is designed to:

- Improve consistency and quality of national data
- Streamline data submission through OPOs
- Reduce duplicate data entry through OPO electronic medical record integration
- Support data minimization by collecting information only on deceased patients
- Standardize how patient data from referrals is collected and used



VPF Onboarding Process

The OPO Onboarding process is designed to be straight-forward and involve an OPO, their EMR Vendor, and HRSA-OPTN to collaboratively determine readiness for Production Onboarding.



Getting Started:

- Review VPF Guidance and Documentation, ensure process or policy questions are addressed
- Contact your EMR Vendor to ensure availability of VPF Data Interface in your Test/Training Env
- User Testing timeline can vary.

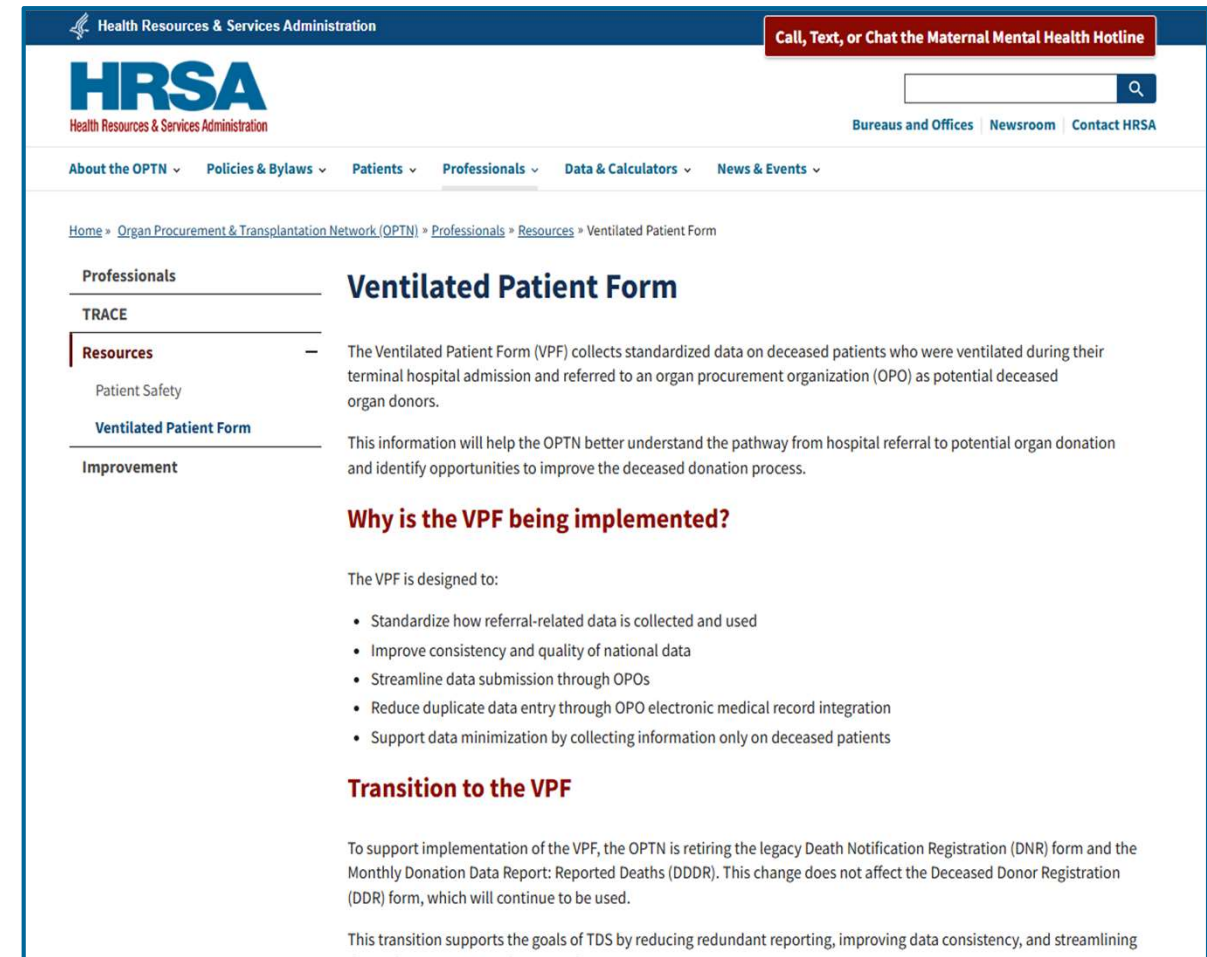
Available Resources, Tools, and Support

VPF Guidance aggregated on the VPF Website

- VPF Patient Form & Instructions (OMB Approved)
- VPF Guidance and FAQ for OPOs (xls)
- Customer Support Email Address/Inbox

VPF Guidance available from your EMR Vendor

- EMR-Specific Training or Guidance Documentation



The screenshot shows the HRSA (Health Resources & Services Administration) website. The top navigation bar includes the HRSA logo, a search bar, and links for "Bureaus and Offices", "Newsroom", and "Contact HRSA". A red banner at the top right says "Call, Text, or Chat the Maternal Mental Health Hotline". The main navigation menu includes "About the OPTN", "Policies & Bylaws", "Patients", "Professionals", "Data & Calculators", and "News & Events". The breadcrumb trail reads: "Home > Organ Procurement & Transplantation Network (OPTN) > Professionals > Resources > Ventilated Patient Form". The left sidebar has a "Professionals" section with sub-links for "TRACE", "Resources" (highlighted), "Patient Safety", "Ventilated Patient Form", and "Improvement". The main content area is titled "Ventilated Patient Form" and contains the following text: "The Ventilated Patient Form (VPF) collects standardized data on deceased patients who were ventilated during their terminal hospital admission and referred to an organ procurement organization (OPO) as potential deceased organ donors. This information will help the OPTN better understand the pathway from hospital referral to potential organ donation and identify opportunities to improve the deceased donation process." Below this is a section titled "Why is the VPF being implemented?" with the text "The VPF is designed to:" followed by a bulleted list: "Standardize how referral-related data is collected and used", "Improve consistency and quality of national data", "Streamline data submission through OPOs", "Reduce duplicate data entry through OPO electronic medical record integration", and "Support data minimization by collecting information only on deceased patients". Another section titled "Transition to the VPF" states: "To support implementation of the VPF, the OPTN is retiring the legacy Death Notification Registration (DNR) form and the Monthly Donation Data Report: Reported Deaths (DDDR). This change does not affect the Deceased Donor Registration (DDR) form, which will continue to be used. This transition supports the goals of TDS by reducing redundant reporting, improving data consistency, and streamlining".

<https://www.hrsa.gov/optn/professionals/resources/ventilated-patient-form>

VPF Guidance and FAQ for OPOs Overview

Thank You!