Governance and Oversight in the Organ Donation Process

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HHS
Secretary of U.S.
Department of Health
and Human Services

HRSA
Health Resources
and Services
Administration

HSB
Healthcare
Systems Bureau

DoT
Division of
Transplantation

SRTR
Scientific Registry of
Transplant Recipients

UNOS
United Network for
Organ Sharing

UNOS
Committees
Corporate Affairs,
Finance, IT Advisory

OPTN
Organ Procurement
and Transplantation
Network

OPTN
Board of Directors

OPTN
Committees

KEY:
Third Party Entities
Government Entities
Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipient (SRTR) Entities
Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Entities
Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) Entities
United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) Entities

CMS
Centers for Medicare
and Medicaid Services

CCSQ
Centers for Clinical Standards and Quality

Center for Medicare
Payment policy

The 7 hospital-based OPOs are governed by the hospital boards

OPOs
Organ Procurement Organizations

OPO Governing and Advisory Boards

OPO leaders are also OPTN board members — which means they govern themselves.

OPTN contract only ever held (or bid on) by UNOS

OPOs are government-granted monopolies; none have ever lost contract

By Law, OPOs and Transplant Centers must be OPTN members — meaning they have to follow OPTN policies.

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