

## **1.0 Member Rights and Obligations**

The Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) is a private non-profit entity that has an expertise in organ procurement and transplantation. The purposes for which the OPTN is organized are detailed in the OPTN Charter. Membership in the Corporation is voluntary; rights and obligations of Members of the OPTN are set forth in the OPTN Bylaws and in OPTN Policies adopted by the OPTN Board of Directors.

OPTN Policies govern the various areas of OPTN operations. Amendments and additions to OPTN Policies are adopted by the Board of Directors and may be incorporated into the Bylaws. Policy Amendments and additions are binding upon OPTN Members after adoption by the Board of Directors and after notice to Members, whether or not such amendments and additions are incorporated into the Bylaws. Copies of OPTN Policies are distributed to Members upon request, and policy updates are available subsequent to adoption of policy changes.

By accepting membership in the OPTN, each Member agrees to be bound by all provisions of the OPTN Charter, Bylaws, and Policies, including amendments thereto. A Member who does not comply with such provisions will be afforded the appropriate due process as described in the OPTN Bylaws.

The Membership application and review process is set forth in the OPTN Bylaws. Permanent Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees, develop OPTN Policies and propose such Policies, amendments, and additions for consideration and adoption by the Board of Directors. All OPTN Members are invited and encouraged to participate in OPTN activities through OPTN committee service and through consultation with OPTN Committee Members and members of the Board of Directors.

### **1.1 Obligation to the National Organ Transplantation Act**

An OPTN member may not knowingly permit donation, recovery, or transplantation of deceased or living donor organs for valuable consideration.