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**VIA SECURE EMAIL**



Executive Director  
LifeQuest Organ Recovery Services



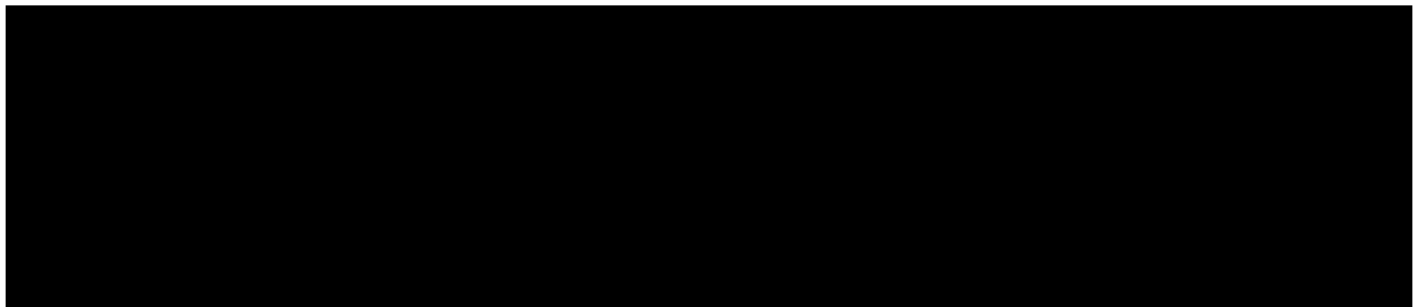
Dear Ms. [REDACTED]

The United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) serves as the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) under contract with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Under that contract, UNOS staff review reported or identified patient safety and/or public health-related concerns associated with organ donation and transplantation occurring within the OPTN.

UNOS' Member Quality appreciates your response to the inquiry sent to LifeQuest Organ Recovery Services on February 28, 2019 regarding the reporting of carcinoma in donor [REDACTED]. Specifically, LifeQuest Organ Recovery Services indicated that the autopsy report was reviewed by a single staff member who missed the finding.

The various OPTN obligations, which include OPTN/UNOS bylaws, policies and applicable federal laws, guide the sequence of allocation and wait listing practices of OPTN members in an effort to assure a balance of fair and equitable organ allocation for transplant. These obligations also guide safe and effective practice connected to organ transplantation and living donor care. After a detailed review of the information provided by LifeQuest Organ Recovery Services, the following potential violation of OPTN obligations has been identified:

- **15.4.A Host OPO Requirements for Reporting Post-Procurement Donor Results and Discovery of Potential Disease Transmissions** which states: "The host OPO must report all positive test results and other relevant information received post-procurement for each donor as soon as possible but no later than 24 hours after receipt as follows...Malignancy or other findings highly suggestive of



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malignancy...To...1. The receiving transplant program's patient safety contact 2. The OPTN Improving Patient Safety Portal..."

UNOS will submit this matter to the Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC)/Policy Compliance Subcommittee (PCSC). If you would like to provide any additional information or documentation to the PCSC as further detail or explanation, please forward this information no later than **March 14, 2019**. Please note submission of additional information is optional.

The MPSC/PCSC will review the information and determine whether a violation of any OPTN obligation has occurred. Please be assured that prior to sharing such information with the MPSC, UNOS will de-identify member-specific information, including member name/location, employee names and patient/donor identifying information. If you have any questions or need any additional information about the policy compliance process, please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

UNOS Member Quality

cc:

[REDACTED]