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To: Transplant Centers
Subject: Criteria and Documentation Requirements for Out-of-State Transplantation Requests

Dear Transplant Centers,

This letter is to clarify the criteria and documentation requirements for requests for out-of-state transplantation.

Pursuant to COMAR 10.30.01.05(A)(4) and (5), an out-of-state transplantation request may be considered for approval when the request meets one or both of the following criteria:

1. **Geographical Proximity** - The request is supported by geographical considerations. The request should include the actual physical distance between the patient's residence and the proposed out-of-state transplant center, along with any other relevant information demonstrating the geographic basis for the request rather than an appropriate transplant center located in Maryland.
2. **Documented Reasons of Continuity of Care** - The request is necessary to maintain continuity of the patient's transplant related medical care. Relevant medical documentation and clinical records must be provided to substantiate the need for continued care at the specific out-of-state transplant center.

Please note that medical necessity is not the request for meeting the criteria for out-of-state transplantation.

Furthermore, the request letter must be submitted on the official letterhead of the transplant center and signed by the transplant surgeon or nephrologist responsible for the patient's transplant care.

Requests that do not adequately demonstrate the applicable criteria or do not provide sufficient supporting documentation may not meet requirements for approval.

Thank you for your cooperation in providing complete and appropriately documented requests.

Sincerely,
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