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Proposal: [Update Criteria for Post-Transplant Survival Metrics Thresholds](#)

ASTS strongly supports this proposal and congratulates the OPTN for formulating a policy proposal that will effectively and immediately decrease the disincentives to the acceptance of high-risk candidates for transplant and the transplantation of high-risk but transplantable organs. In so doing, this proposal will advance the critical strategic goals of increasing access to transplantation for candidates, decreasing organ discard rates, and increasing transplant volumes. We also note that the proposed revision of post-transplant survival metrics thresholds will streamline the workflow of the MPSC and thus allow it to focus on the small number of programs with actual performance improvement needs. We also laud the simplicity of the proposal. We acknowledge that the MPSC considered coupling changes to pre-transplant metrics thresholds with the proposed changes to the post-transplant metrics thresholds, and fully support the decision not to include additional elements in the proposal. We strongly support the proposal as written and stand ready to assist with the education of our members regarding the proposal, and in implementation and post-implementation monitoring.

ASTS Position: Strongly Support