

**APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC MEMBERSHIP AS A
PUBLIC ORGANIZATION
IN THE
ORGAN PROCUREMENT AND TRANSPLANTATION NETWORK (OPTN)**

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Name of Organization _____

Address: _____

City, State, & Zip Code: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____

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CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, a duly authorized representative of the applicant, does hereby certify that the answers and attachments to this application are true, correct and complete, to the best of his or her knowledge after investigation. By submitting this application to the OPTN, the applicant agrees: (i) to be bound by the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network's rules and regulations, including amendments thereto, if the applicant is granted membership and (ii) to be bound by the terms, thereof, including amendments thereto, in all matters relating to consideration of the application without regard to whether or not the applicant is granted membership.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Print Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Member Code: _____

Instructions

1. The Criteria for Public Organization Membership are found in the OPTN Charter, Article IV - Membership.
2. By submitting this application to the OPTN, the applicant acknowledges that its duly authorized representatives have received and read the current Charter and By-Laws of the OPTN and the applicant agrees: (i) to be bound by the terms thereof, including amendments thereto, if the applicant is granted membership and (ii) to be bound by the terms thereof, including amendments thereto, in all matters relating to consideration of the application without regard to whether or not the applicant is granted membership.
3. A duly authorized representative of the applicant must review the answers and attachments to the Application, perform sufficient investigation to determine accuracy and completeness, and sign and date the Certification on the cover page of the Application. Failure to furnish accurate and complete information in connection with the Application and subsequent requests for supplemental information, constitute grounds for denial or suspension of OPTN membership.
4. Application responses **must be typed and complete.**
 - Do not submit two-sided pages.
 - Attach additional pages as necessary and reference the question and page number on each attachment.
5. **Return the original application and one (1) complete copy. Please also return a copy of the application that has been scanned to a CD in PDF format. Label the CD with the Organization name, contact name, and date, and include an electronic table of contents.**

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US Mail:

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Application for Public Organization Membership

1. Provide the following documents:
 - a) A current roster of the organization/institution's board of directors and officers.
 - b) A copy of the organization/institution's Articles of Incorporation and By-laws.
 - c) A copy of the organization/institution's last Annual report(s)

Answer either question 2 (a) and (b); or 2 (a) and (c); or question 3 below:

2. A Public Organization Member shall be “an established, non-profit organization or institution with at least one year of operating history that has an interest in the fields of organ donation or transplantation, defined as” item b or c below:
 - a) Attach a copy of the organization/institution's IRS non-profit status letter.
 - b) Describe how this organization/institution meets the requirement for being “An organization or institution that engages in organ donation activities or represents or provides direct support or services to transplant recipients, transplant candidates, or their families.” Alternatively, provide the documentation as described in question 2c (below.)
 - c) An organization or institution that is supported by letters of recommendation for OPTN membership from at least three other OPTN member organizations or institutions, each of which meets the criteria for OPTN Institutional Membership listed in Article IV.

3. A Public Organization Member shall be “A hospital with at least one year of operating history that participates in the Medicare or Medicaid programs and has an interest in the fields of organ donation or transplantation, defined by the referral of at least one potential organ or tissue donor per year for donation.”

Provide documentation that demonstrates that the Hospital meets the above criteria.