# Liver Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC) MELD/PELD Initial Exception Score Form

## Diagnosis

The following fields, from the candidate's Waitlist record, are read-only. If the information is incorrect, it may be updated on the candidate's Waitlist record.

**Transplant Center:** Verify the transplant center code is correct.

**Name:** Verify the candidate's name is correct.

**Date of birth:** Verify the candidate's date of birth is correct.

**Waitlist ID:** Verify the candidate's Waitlist ID number is correct.

**SSN:** Verify the candidate's social security number is correct.

**ABO:** Verify the candidate's blood type is correct.

**Diagnosis:** Select the candidate's diagnosis from the drop-down list.

**Cholangiocarcinoma (CCA)**

**Cystic fibrosis (CF)**

**Familial amyloid polyneuropathy (FAP)**

**Hepatic artery thrombosis (HAT)**

**Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC)**

**Hepatopulmonary syndrome (HPS)**

**Metabolic disease**

**Portopulmonary hypertension**

**Primary hyperoxaluria**

**Other specify**

**Candidate MELD/PELD data:** The fields, from the candidate's Waitlist record in the MELD/PELD Data Collection section, are read-only. Click **view details** to expand. Click **hide details**to collapse.

## Details

**Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC):**If hepatocellular carcinoma is selected for a candidate, complete the following fields:

### Most Recent Tumor Evaluation

**Number of Tumors:** Enter the size of each tumor and indicate the type of imaging used to observe the tumor and the date of the imaging study on which the tumor was observed. This is a **required** field.

**Size:** Enter the size of the tumor indicated for the candidate in centimeters. Tumor size must fall between 1 and 99.99.

**Imaging study:** Indicate whether the imaging used to observe the candidate's tumor was a **CT of abdomen** and/or **MRI of abdomen**, and enter the **Date** of the imaging study.

***Note:*** For number of tumors, include all tumors that meet the criteria. Stage T2 is defined as 1 lesion with a maximum diameter of greater than or equal to 2 cm and less than or equal to 5 cm OR 2-3 lesions all with a maximum diameter of greater than or equal to 1 cm and less than or equal to 3 cm. The largest diameter of each tumor must be reported. Tumors that are less than 1 cm are considered indeterminate and cannot be considered (or counted).

Select all that apply:

**Nonrim arterial phase hyper-enhancement**

**Nonperipheral washout**

**Enhancing capsule**

**Threshold growth defined as size increase of a mass by ≥ 50% in ≤ 180 days on MRI or CT**

### Corroborating Data

Indicate the assessment and/or therapy, used on the tumor. Enter the **Date** the assessment/therapy was performed. Select all that apply:

**Biopsy confirming HCCA**

**Surgical Resection**

### Loco-Regional Treatments

Indicate the assessment and/or therapy, used on the tumor. Enter the **Date** the assessment/therapy was performed. If **Other** is selected, we recommend including the type of treatment in the **Justification Narrative** field at the end of this form. Select all that apply:

**Chemical Ablation**

**Chemoembolization**

**External beam radiation**

**Histotripsy**

**Radiation microspheres**

**Thermal ablation**

**Other**

### Additional assessment questions

**Alpha-fetoprotein (AFP):** Enter the candidate's alpha-fetoprotein level in ng/mL. Alpha-fetoprotein value must fall between 0 and 20000. This is a **required** field.

**Is the candidate eligible for resection?:** If the candidate is eligible for resection, select **Yes**. If not, select **No**. If unknown, select **N/A**. This is a **required** field.

**Does your assessment rule out macrovascular involvement (i.e., tumor in vein -portal or hepatic veins)?:** If the physician's assessment rules out macrovascular involvement, select **Yes**. If not, select **No**. This is a **required** field.

**Does your assessment rule out an extrahepatic spread?:** If the physician's assessment rules out an extrahepatic spread, select **Yes**. If not, select **No**. This is a **required** field.

**Please indicate the type of imaging used to assess extrahepatic spread and metastatic disease (select all that apply):** Check any applicable type of imaging used to assess extrahepatic spread, and enter the **Date**. If one or more tumors are indicated, indicate whether the imaging used was a **CT of Chest** and/or **MRI of Chest**, and enter the **Date** of the imaging study.

### Original/Presenting Tumor Evaluation

**Is the most recent tumor evaluation reported above the original/presenting tumor evaluation?:**If the most recent tumor evaluation reported above the original tumor evaluation, select **Yes**. If not, select **No**. This is a **required** field.

**Are the original tumor quantity, size, and imaging available?:** If the original/presenting tumor number, size and imaging information is available, select **Yes**. If not, select **No.** This is a **required** field.

**Date of original imaging:** Enter the original/presenting imaging date. This is a **required** field.

**Number of original tumors:** Enter the number of original/presenting tumors. This is a **required** field.

**Tumor:** Enter the original size of each tumor in centimeters. Tumor size must fall between 0 and 99.99. This is a **required** field.

**Reason Unavailable:** Enter an explanation of why the original/presenting tumor information is unavailable. This is a **required** field.

## Results

**Review results:** The candidate's result details display.

## Score

**Policy score for candidates meeting standard criteria:** The policy score for candidates meeting standard criteria displays.

**Please request an exception score:** Select an exception score for the candidate:

**Equal to the policy assigned score for candidates meeting standard criteria**

**Score adjusted from the median MELD at transplant (MMaT)**

**Less than MMaT** (the number must fall between 1 and 20)

**Equal to MMaT**

**More than MMaT** (the number must fall between 1 and 20)

**MELD 40**

**PELD 40 or higher** (for pediatric candidates; the number must fall between 40 and 99)

**Justification narrative:** Enter text justifying the requested higher MELD or PELD score. If **Other** is selected for **Loco-Regional Treatment**, we recommend including the type of treatment here. 8000 character limit.

## Confirm

**Transplant physician name:** Enter the transplant physician's name. This is a **required** field.

**Transplant physician NPI:** Enter the transplant physician's NPI number. The NPI must be 10 digits. This is a **required** field.

**Email decision to:** Enter at least one and up to three email addresses to receive notification of the outcome of the vote. Including up to three email addresses may be important to account for time off or out-of-office. This is a **required** field.

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