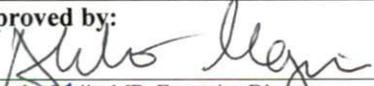
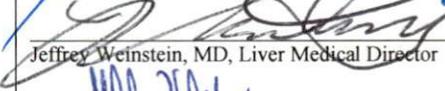
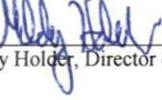


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**Purpose:** To define the process for communicating with referring nephrologists and dialysis centers

**Policy:**

- 1) Referring nephrologists and dialysis centers will be notified via letter/fax or phone call within 10 business days for the following events:
  - When a patient is listed for kidney transplant
  - The decision not to place a patient on the waiting list
  - The inability to make a decision to place a patient on the waiting list because further clinical testing is needed
  - The decision to remove a patient from the waiting list
  - When waiting list status changes (Status 1 to 7 or Status 7 to 1)
- 2) Dialysis centers will be notified via phone call within five business days
  - When patients receive a kidney transplant
- 3) Reports are generated monthly and are faxed to dialysis centers who have current patients with MDMC transplant program. The reports include
  - Referral date for transplant
  - Current phase of transplant
  - Current status of transplant
  - Comments regarding patient status
- 4) Notification occurs via letter/fax to referring nephrologists and dialysis centers of the following program changes
  - Changes in key personnel (transplant surgeon or physician)
  - Changes in Selection Criteria
- 5) Selection Criteria will be provided to dialysis centers upon request