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Kevin O'Connor
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Dear Mr. O'Connor:

This letter serves as written notice that the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO) will officially retire its *Standards and Accreditation Program* at the end of the year. There will be no more on-site OPO surveys, and all the current accreditation certificates held by OPOs will expire on December 31, 2021. This decision was made by the AOPO Executive Committee with support from the Board of Directors to move the association in a direction that better aligns with our strategic goals.


The IMPACT Task Force, comprised of leadership from the previous Standards and Accreditation Committee (SAC) along with member subject matter experts, are in the process of developing a new voluntary performance improvement program which will identify opportunities to increase OPO outcomes by using a data driven approach.

The new performance improvement program will fully replace the previous accreditation program. Participating in the new program will not be considered an accreditation and OPOs will not receive a certification after completion. It is designed to foster the sharing and implementation of successful practices to increase donation and transplantation, ultimately saving more lives.

We are in the development phase of the project and projected to start beta testing during the first quarter of 2022. If you would like your OPO to be part of the first round of testing, please reach out to [myself](#), [Emily Goldbloom](#), Chair of the IMPACT Task Force, or [Denise Sears](#), AOPO Program Manager and IMPACT Liaison.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Steve Miller, MBA, CAE
Chief Executive Officer
Association of Organ Procurement Organizations

Cc: Dominic Adorno, Sean Farragher