

## What You Need to Know About

# Multi-listing or Waitlisting at Multiple Transplant Centers



ESRD Treatment Choices Learning Collaborative  
The CMS/HRSA Kidney Donation & Transplant Initiative

## Possible Benefits

- Donor kidneys are generally offered to the closest transplant centers. Listing at more than one center, in different geographical locations, may increase your chances of receiving a kidney.
- Some centers have shorter waitlists than others, which may reduce the length of waiting times.
- Multi-listing can expand your access to kidneys because each center accepts different types of kidneys and have different listing criteria.

## Potential Barriers

- Your insurance may not pay for you to list at more than one transplant center or may limit to which centers you can go.
- There will be travel and lodging expenses for evaluation and post-transplant monitoring.
- Your care partner may need to be available to attend post-transplant appointments.
- You will have to go through an evaluation at each transplant center, though some tests may not need repeating.
- Transplant centers may not accept multi-listed candidates or may set their own requirements.

## What You Can Do

- ✓ Tell your nephrologist you might want to list at more than one transplant center.
- ✓ Call your insurance provider and ask what costs they cover, and which transplant programs are in-Network.
- ✓ Work closely with your dialysis clinic to maintain the healthiest you.
- ✓ Inform each center that you are multi-listing so records can be shared.
- ✓ Consider the extra costs on your financial situation.

**Tip: [UNOS.org](https://unos.org) can provide you with waitlist statistics by state and region, and provides additional resources on multi-listing.**



UNOS = United Network for Organ Sharing