

What Do You Know About UNOS?



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UNOS

United Network for Organ Sharing





What is the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS)?

a. Federal agency created under NOTA of 1984

b. Independent agency with collective state support

c. Private, not-for-profit organization

d. "Federally-chartered instrumentality of the United States"

National Organ Transplant Act, 1984

- Established OPTN
- Authorized formation of OPOs





The Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network

Two goals:

1. To increase efficiency of organ sharing and equity in the national system of organ allocation (fairness)
2. To increase supply of donated organs for transplant



The Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network

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The [OPTN](#), which was established by Congress and is being operated by a private, nonprofit entity, is requesting public comment on all open policy proposals (proposals highlighted in yellow below). All public comments received are considered by the OPTN prior to approval of any final policy by the OPTN Board of Directors.

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Proposal	Document PDFs 	Comment Period	Submit Comment
1 Proposal to Add Serum Sodium to the MELD Score (Liver and Intestinal Organ Transplantation Committee) > The Committee is proposing to add serum sodium to the MELD score equation. Based on simulation modeling results, this change could reduce waiting list mortality by 50-60 deaths per year without adversely affecting post-transplant survival or negatively impacting any group of candidates (e.g., age, gender, ethnicity, diagnosis) ERRATA notice accompanies this proposal correcting information therein. <input type="checkbox"/> close	Proposal (253 K) Exhibit (8 K)	3/15/2013 - 6/14/2013	<input type="button" value="Go"/>
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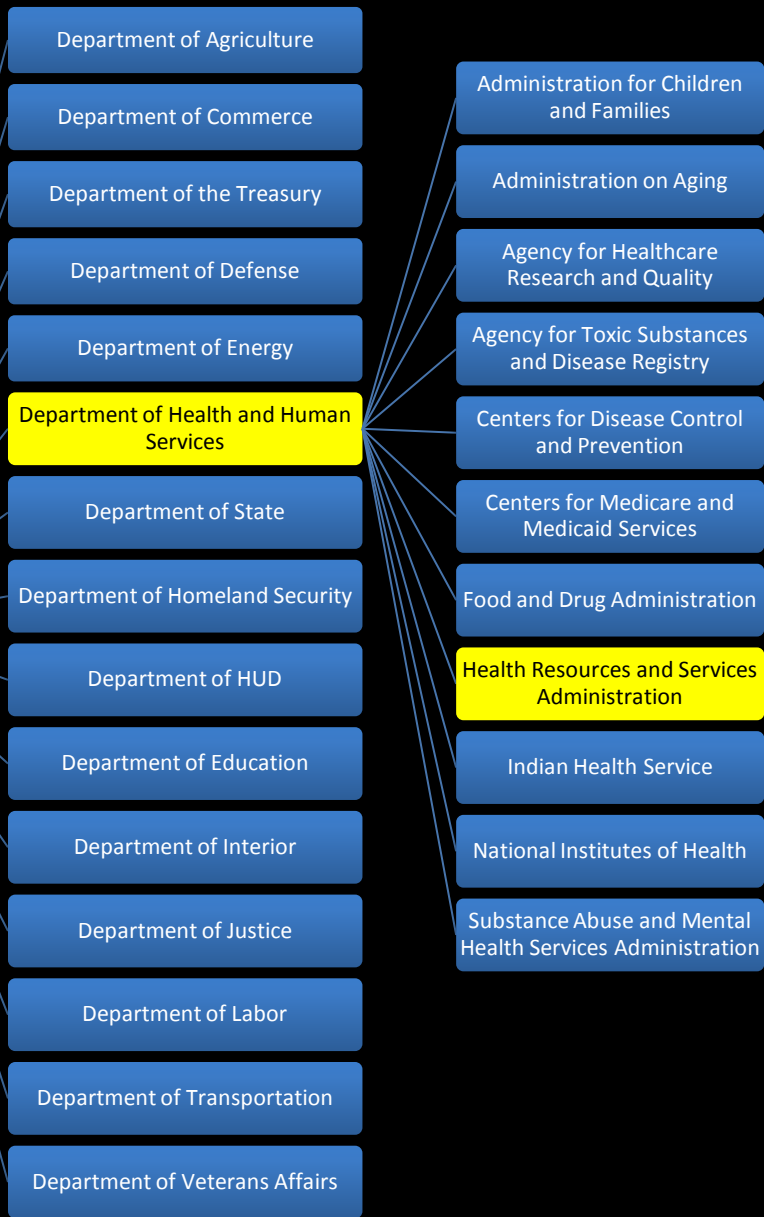
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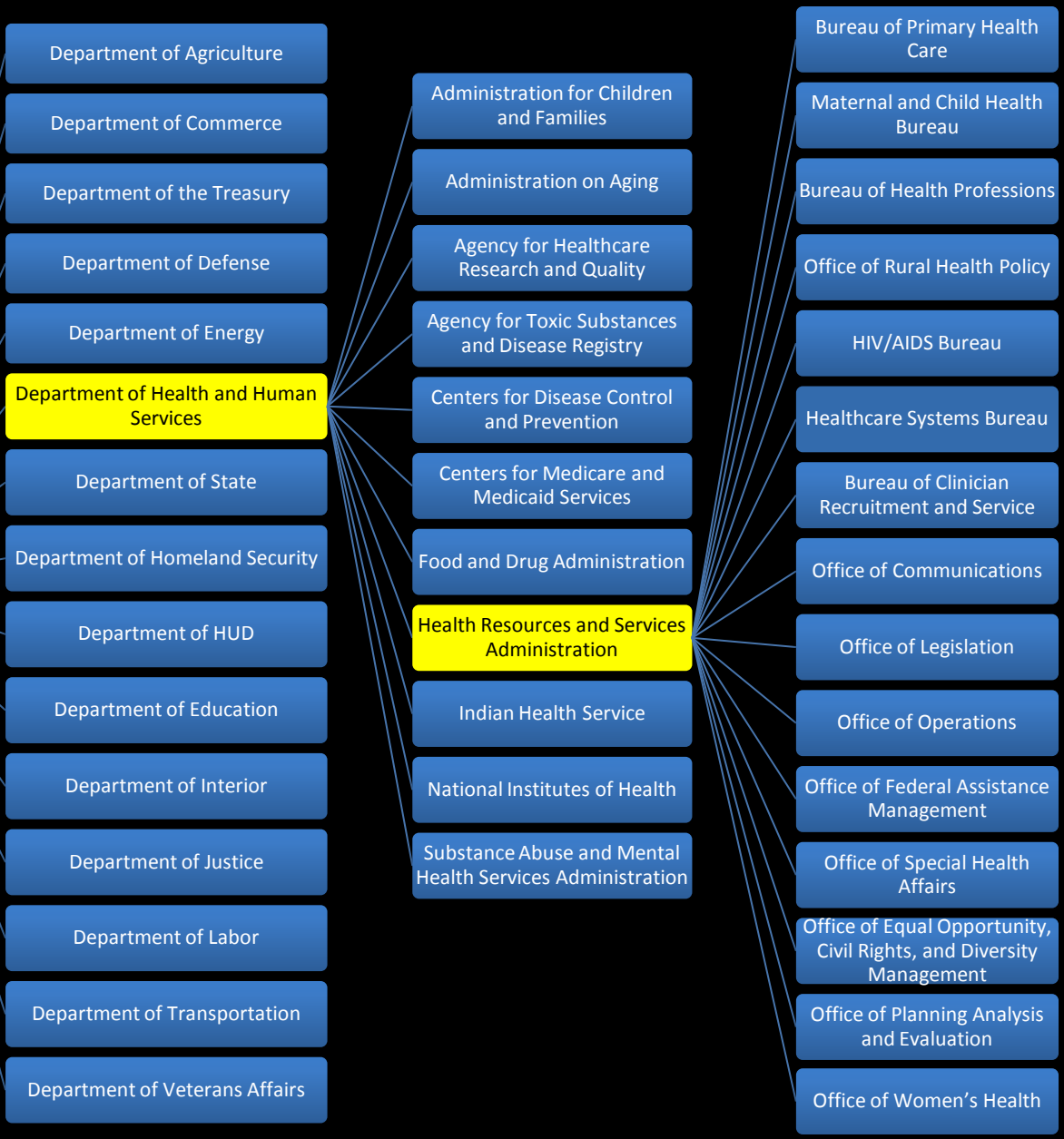
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- Division of Vaccine Injury Compensation
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- Division of Poison Control and Healthcare Facilities
- Division of National Hansen's Disease
- Division of Transplantation**

OPTN



What is UNOS?

Private, not-for-profit organization

Contracted to run the OPTN

Assumed OPTN contract in 1986

Requires contract renewal every 4 years



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Peggy, donor mother

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The **National Organ Transplant Act (NOTA)** of 1984 called for an **Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN)** to be created and run by a private, non-profit organization under federal contract. The federal **Final Rule** provides a regulatory framework for the structure and operation of the OPTN. The OPTN should:

- increase and ensure the effectiveness, efficiency and equity of organ sharing in the national system of organ allocation
- increase the supply of donated organs available for transplantation

What is UNOS' relationship to the OPTN?

UNOS was first awarded the national OPTN contract in 1986 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. UNOS continues as the only organization ever to operate the OPTN. As part of the OPTN contract, UNOS has:

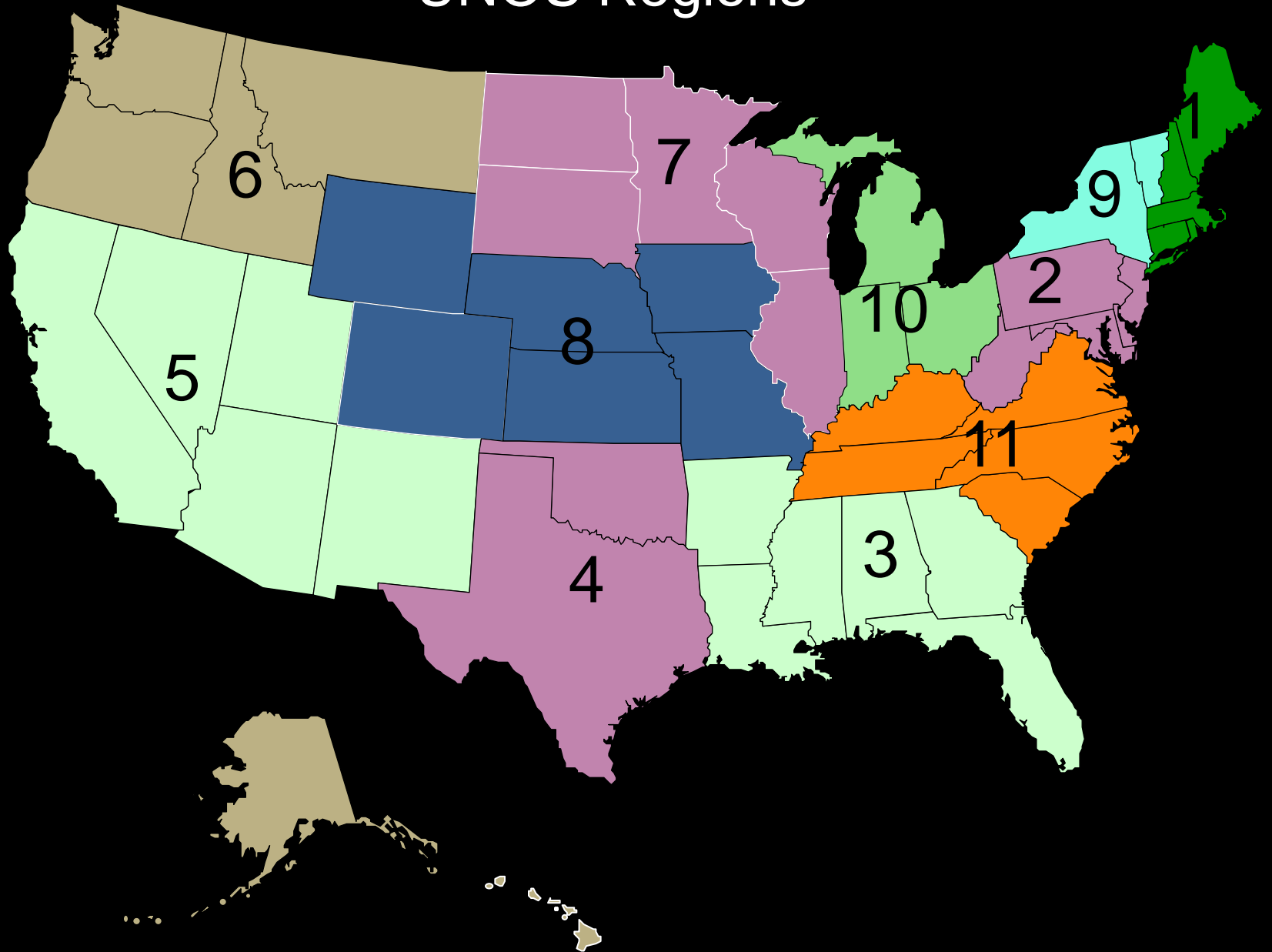
- established an organ sharing system that maximizes the efficient use of deceased organs through equitable and timely allocation
- established a system to collect, store, analyze and publish data pertaining to the patient waiting list, organ matching, and transplants
- informed, consulted and guided persons and organizations

Learn more

Want to learn more about the Organ Procurement and Transplantation network?

 <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>

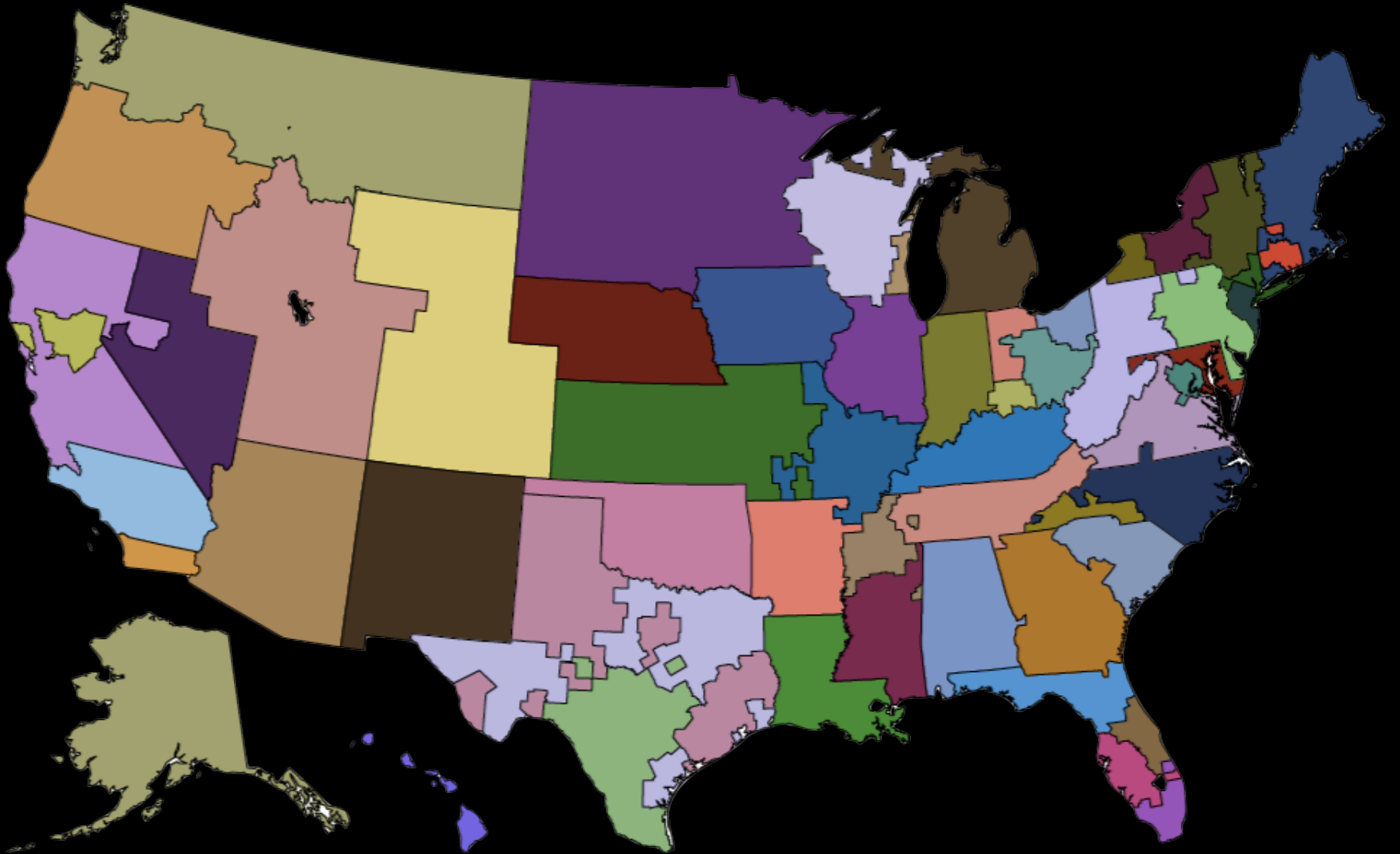
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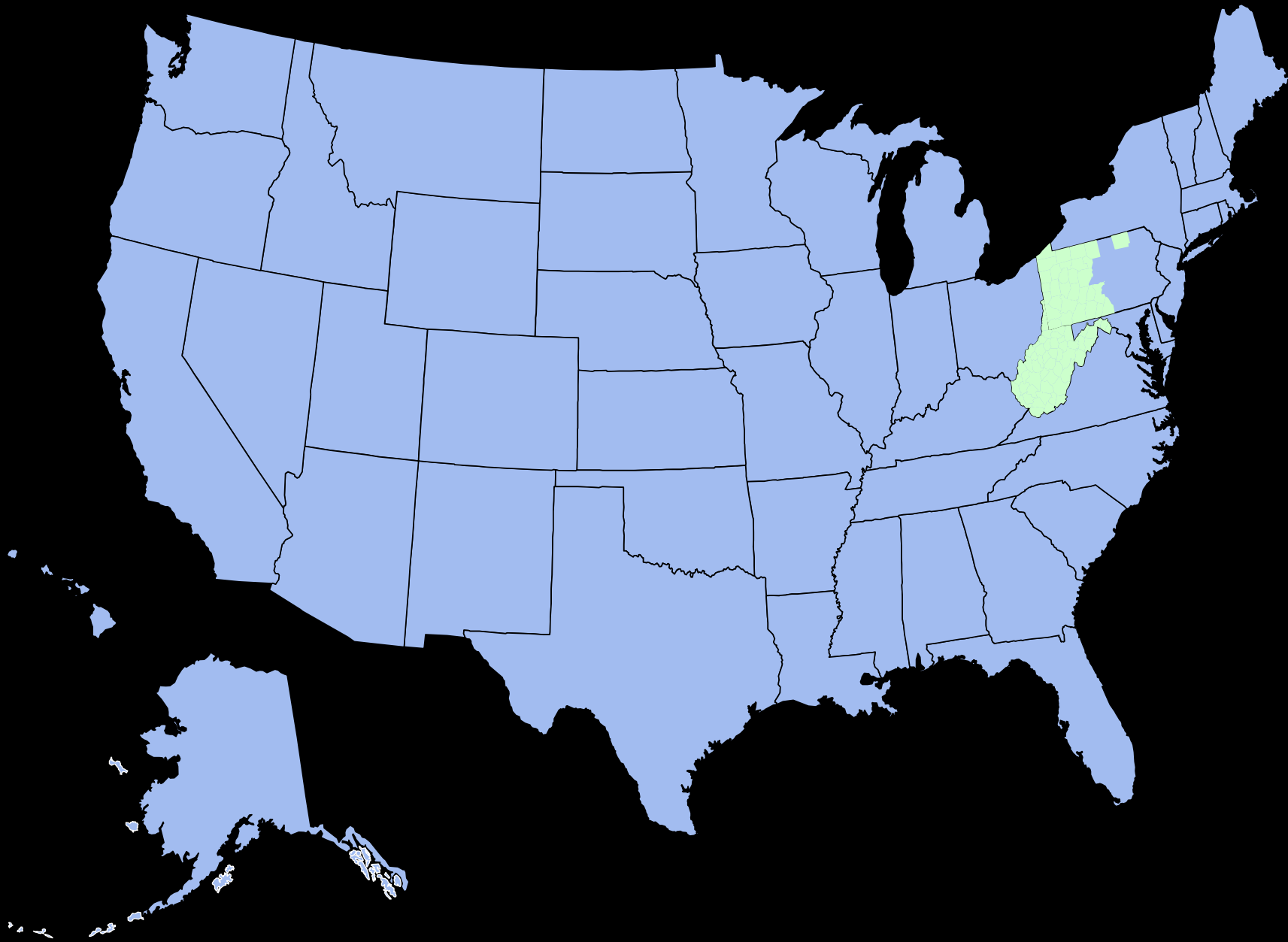


OPOs in the United States



Donor Service Areas







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WE ARE DEDICATED TO SAVING AND ENHANCING LIVES, AND ARE
ADVOCATES FOR THE TRANSPLANT CANDIDATES WHO DEPEND ON US

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Welcome to the Center for Organ Recovery & Education CORE

There are many faces of donation. Some are the faces of people waiting for a life-saving or life-enhancing transplant. Some are those who can enjoy another day because someone said "yes" to donation. Many remind us to celebrate life through their gift of organ and tissue donation. At the Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE), we want to add another face to donation: yours. Please browse our website to learn the facts on donation, read the personal accounts of lives touched by donation and discover how you can help.

"Let the leaves symbolize the donors.

Like softly fallen petals that nourish the earth, they have touched the lives of others."



Our Mission for Life

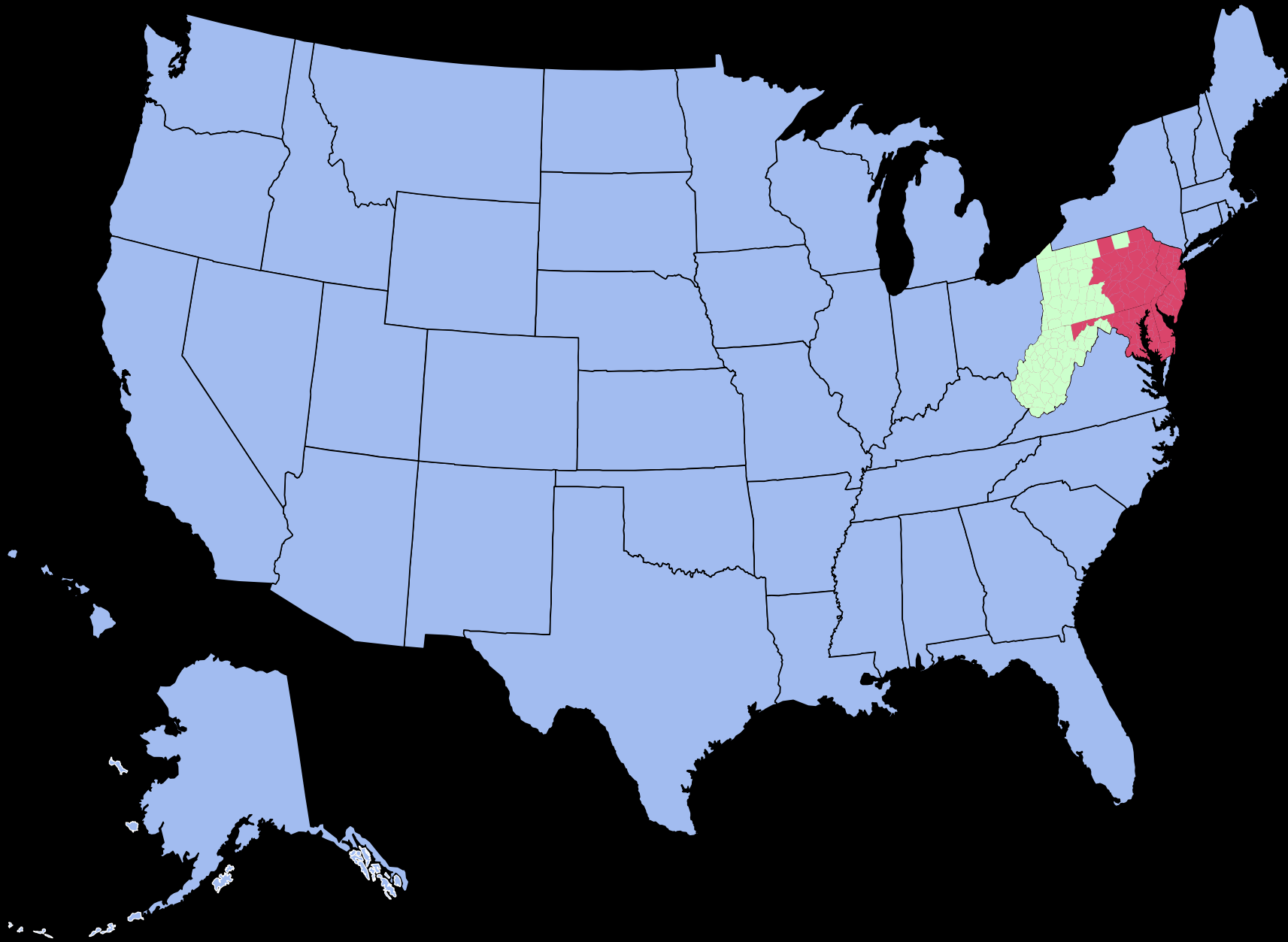
The Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting donation, education and research for the purpose of saving and improving the quality of life through organ, tissue and corneal transplantation.

Register to be a Donor



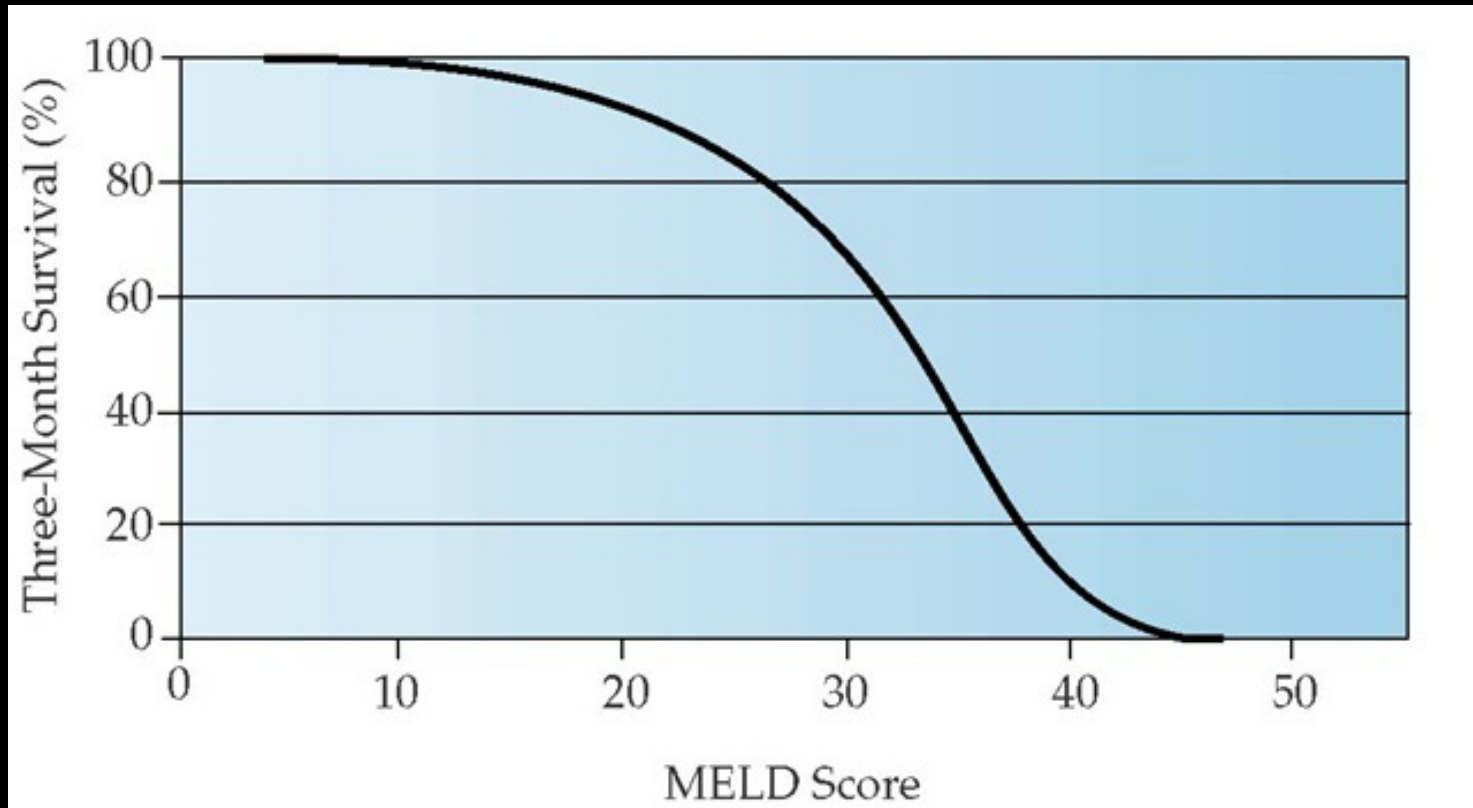
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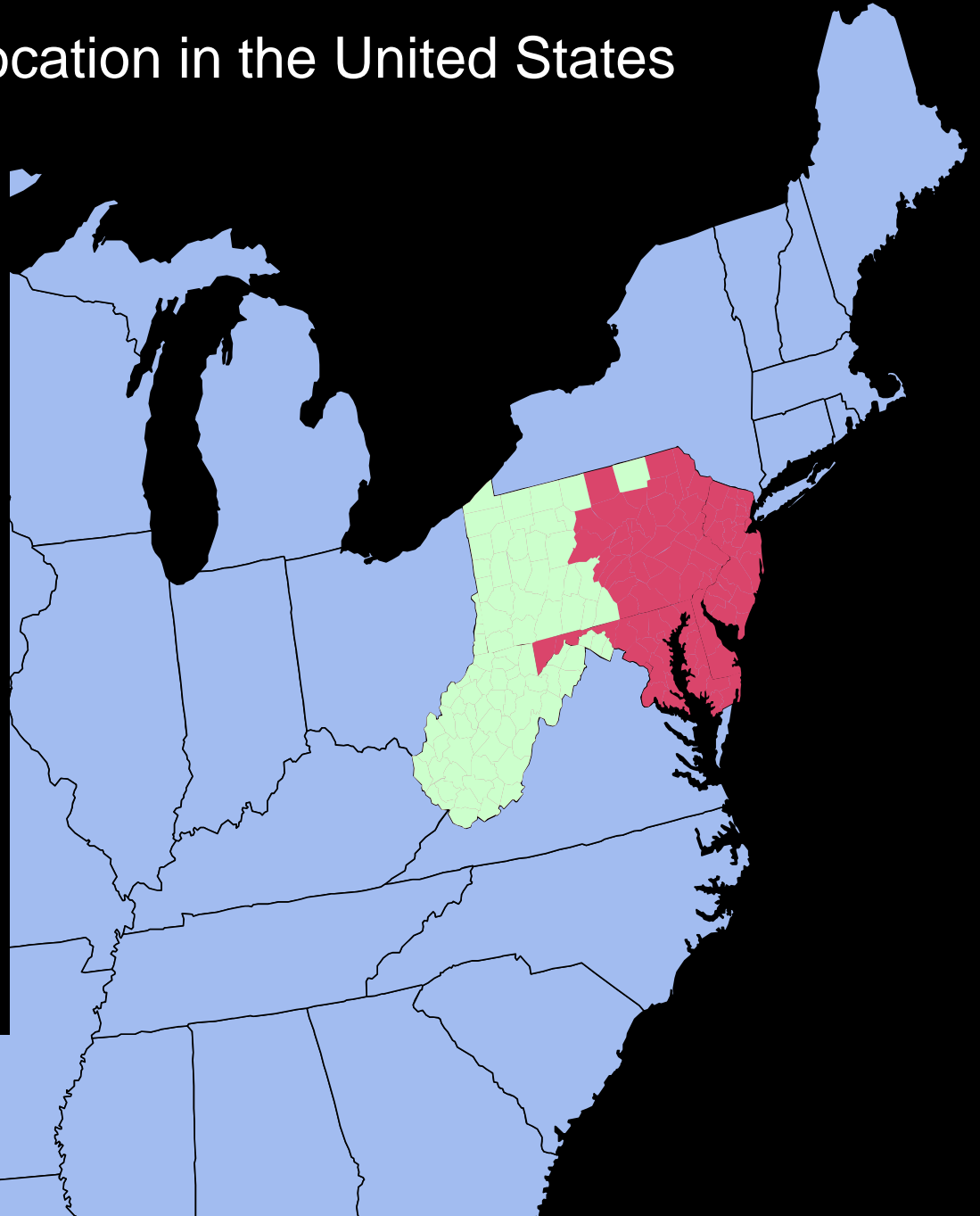
MELD Score =

$$0.957 \times \text{Log}_e(\text{creatinine mg/dL}) + 0.378 \times \text{Log}_e(\text{bilirubin mg/dL}) + 1.120 \times \text{Log}_e(\text{INR}) + 0.643$$



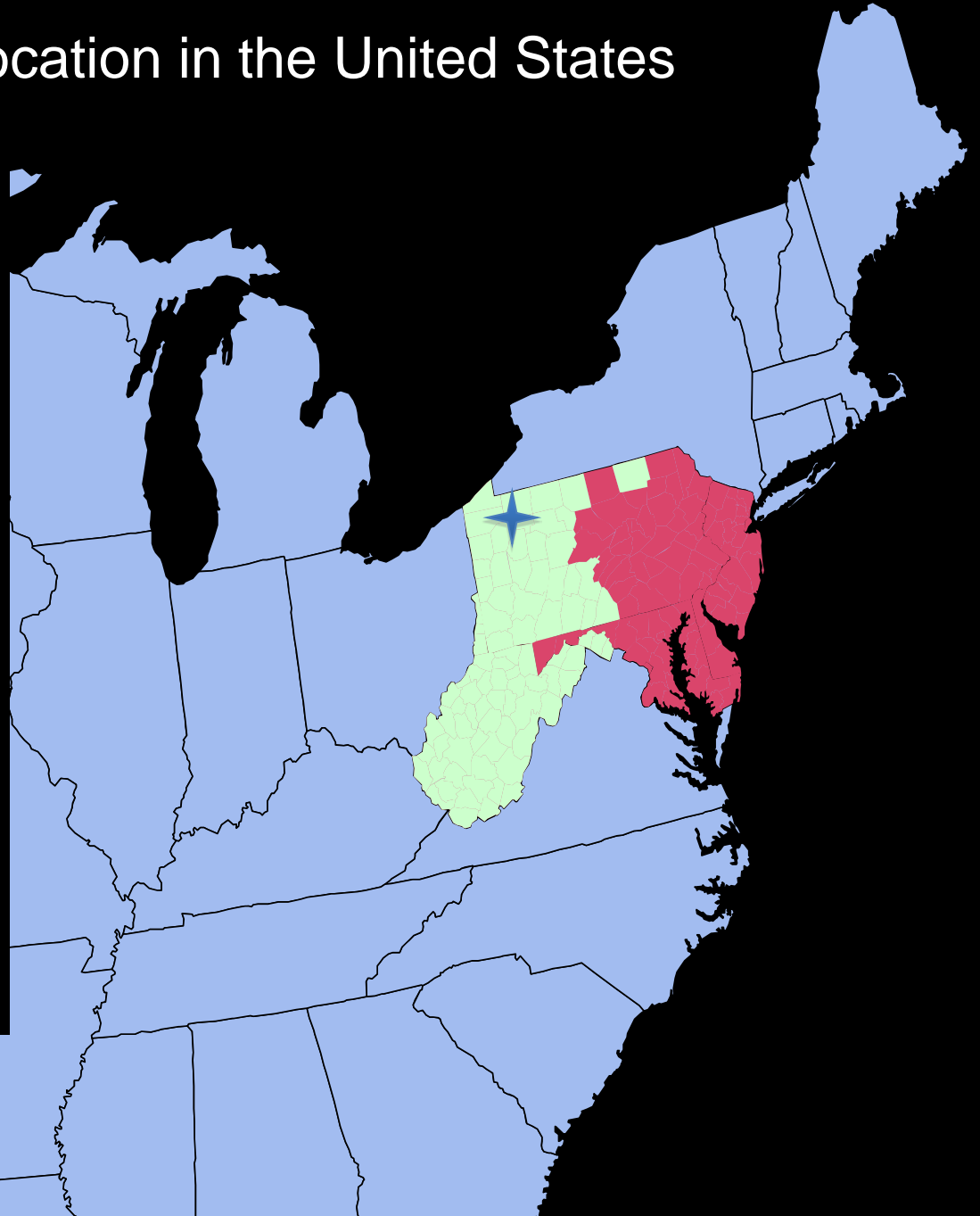
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Average MELD Scores at Time of Transplant by Donor Service Area, 2011

