



Donate Life SC's mission is to educate and inspire our community to say yes to organ, eye and tissue donor registration. In light of that mission, we are concerned by HHS's recent decision to decertify Network for Hope, the organ procurement organization (OPO) serving Kentucky and parts of Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia.

Donate Life SC supports government action that strengthens our nation's donation and transplant system. This decision raises real questions about the fairness of the decertification process, and left unaddressed, risks eroding trust among donor families and heightening anxiety for waiting recipients. It also casts uncertainty over other OPOs, including our state's, We Are Sharing Hope SC, since the grounds for decertification remain unclear, and any OPO could face similar scrutiny regardless of performance or track record.

Our greater concern is the impact on South Carolina's registration and education efforts. This announcement risks planting unnecessary doubt in the community we serve and could sway individual donation decisions.

Public trust is the foundation of our work, and we cannot afford a national conversation shaped by misinformation about this life-saving process. South Carolinians should never reconsider their donation decision because of mischaracterizations of the system.

Donate Life SC recognizes the dedication and professionalism of OPOs serving patients, donor families and transplant centers nationwide. We remain committed to our mission, which is focused on educating and inspiring our community to help families leave a legacy and save lives.

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