

**ATTACHMENT I  
TO APPENDIX B OF UNOS BYLAWS**

**Designated Transplant Program Criteria**

A transplant program that meets the following criteria shall be qualified as a designated transplant program to receive organs for transplantation:

- X. **Transplant Mental Health and Social Support Services.** Mental health and social support services are essential for the total care of transplant recipients, living donors and their and for helping families cope with transplant experience. Such services must be available. All transplant programs should identify appropriately trained individuals who are designated members of the transplant team and have primary responsibility for coordinating the psychosocial needs of transplant candidates, recipients, living donors and families. They will work with patients and families in a compassionate, culturally competent, and tactful manner in order to facilitate access and provide continuity of care. Specific responsibilities should include, but are not limited to:

Direct patient care, including:

Psychosocial evaluation of potential living donors and recipients;

Substance abuse evaluation, treatment, referral, monitoring;

Individual counseling;

Crisis intervention;

Support groups/newsletters;

Patient care conferences;

Advocacy;

Patient and family education;

Referral to community services, e.g., vocational rehabilitation, housing;

On going knowledge of social services available, regulations; and

Death, dying, and bereavement counseling.

Other:

Transplant team building;

Department meetings, e.g., staff, process improvement;

Participation in organ donation awareness initiatives; and

Participation with community advocacy groups, e.g., National Kidney Foundation and the Coalition for Donation.

***NOTE: The new language in Appendix B, Section X (Transplant Mental Health and Social Support Services.) shall be effective August 1, 2004.***