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**MIAMI TRANSPLANT
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Organ Transplantation

- 1,064,932 transplants in the US
 - UCLA 22, 827
 - UCSF 19, 217
 - University of Pittsburg 18, 836
 - University of Wisconsin 16, 808
 - Jackson Memorial 16, 667
- All solid organ transplant
 - Adult and Pediatric
- Complex multi-organ transplants

Miami Transplant Institute

- Performed the most Intestine transplants in US
- 5th largest liver transplant volume in US

559

5, 028



Miami Transplant Institute

- Performed the most Intestine transplants in US 559
- 5th largest liver transplant volume in US 5, 028
- 5th largest kidney transplant volume in US 8,558
- All solid organ transplant
 - Adult and Pediatric
- Complex multi-organ transplants

2025

*Total Organ Transplants in US: **49,064***

*Total # of Institutions in US Providing Organ Transplants: **248***

MTI Program Volumes and Ranking:

- Intestine (11) – 2nd
- SPK- Kidney/Pancreas (17) – 7th (tied)
- Lung (85) – 10th
- Kidney (285) – 22th
- Liver (110) – 41st
- Heart (15) – 50 (tied)

- Pediatric all organs (34) 10th (tied)





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HHS to Close University of Miami's Failing Organ Agency

WASHINGTON—September 18, 2025 — The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today announced it is moving to decertify a major organ procurement organization (OPO) after an investigation uncovered years of unsafe practices, poor training, chronic underperformance, understaffing, and paperwork errors. In one 2024 case, a mistake led a surgeon to decline a donated heart for a patient awaiting transplant surgery.

CMS's decertification of the Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency, a division of the University of Miami Health System, is part of Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.'s [reform initiative](#) announced in July. At that time, an HHS investigation into another OPO found that at least 28 patients may not have been deceased at the time of organ preparation, 73 patients showed neurological signs incompatible with donation, and the Biden administration had closed its own investigation without action.



CMS Announces New Provider of Organ Procurement Services in South Florida

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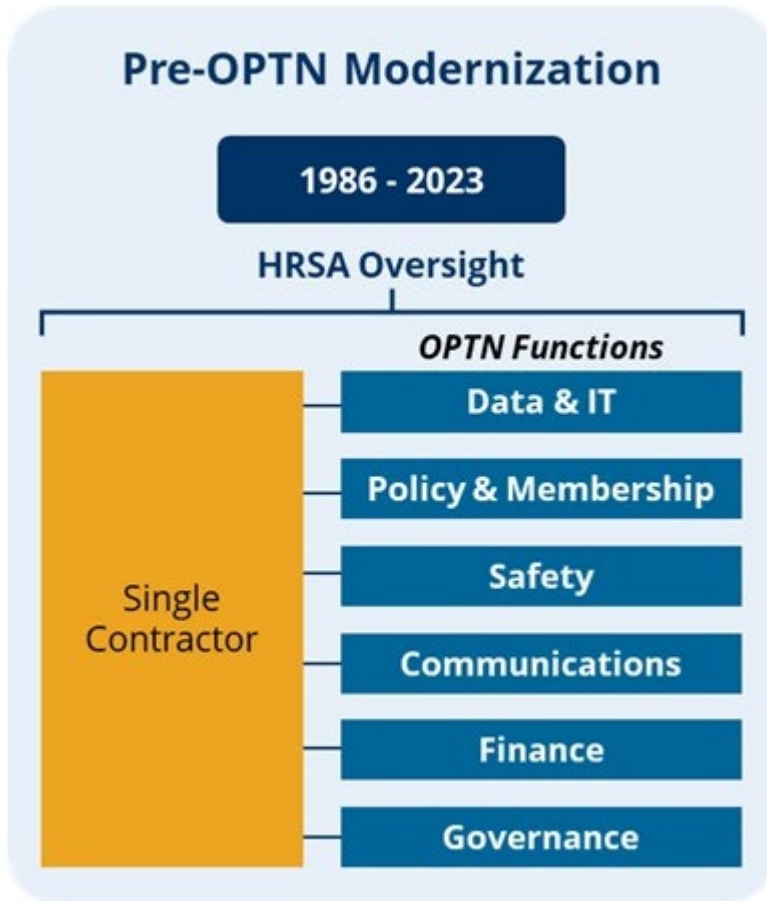
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Nevada Donor Network will deliver organ procurement services following the decertification of the University of Miami's failed provider

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced today that following a competitive selection process, Nevada Donor Network (NVLV) is approved to assume responsibility for organ procurement services in the Southern Florida Donation Service Area, which spans approximately 7 million people in the six counties of South Florida and the commonwealth of the Bahamas.

CMS' action follows [its September 2025 decision](#) to decertify the Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency, a division of the University of Miami Health System, after documented noncompliance with federal Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Conditions for Coverage, including years of patient deficiencies related to staffing, training, and quality oversight. CMS will oversee a transition process designed to ensure uninterrupted organ procurement services in South Florida.

Challenges



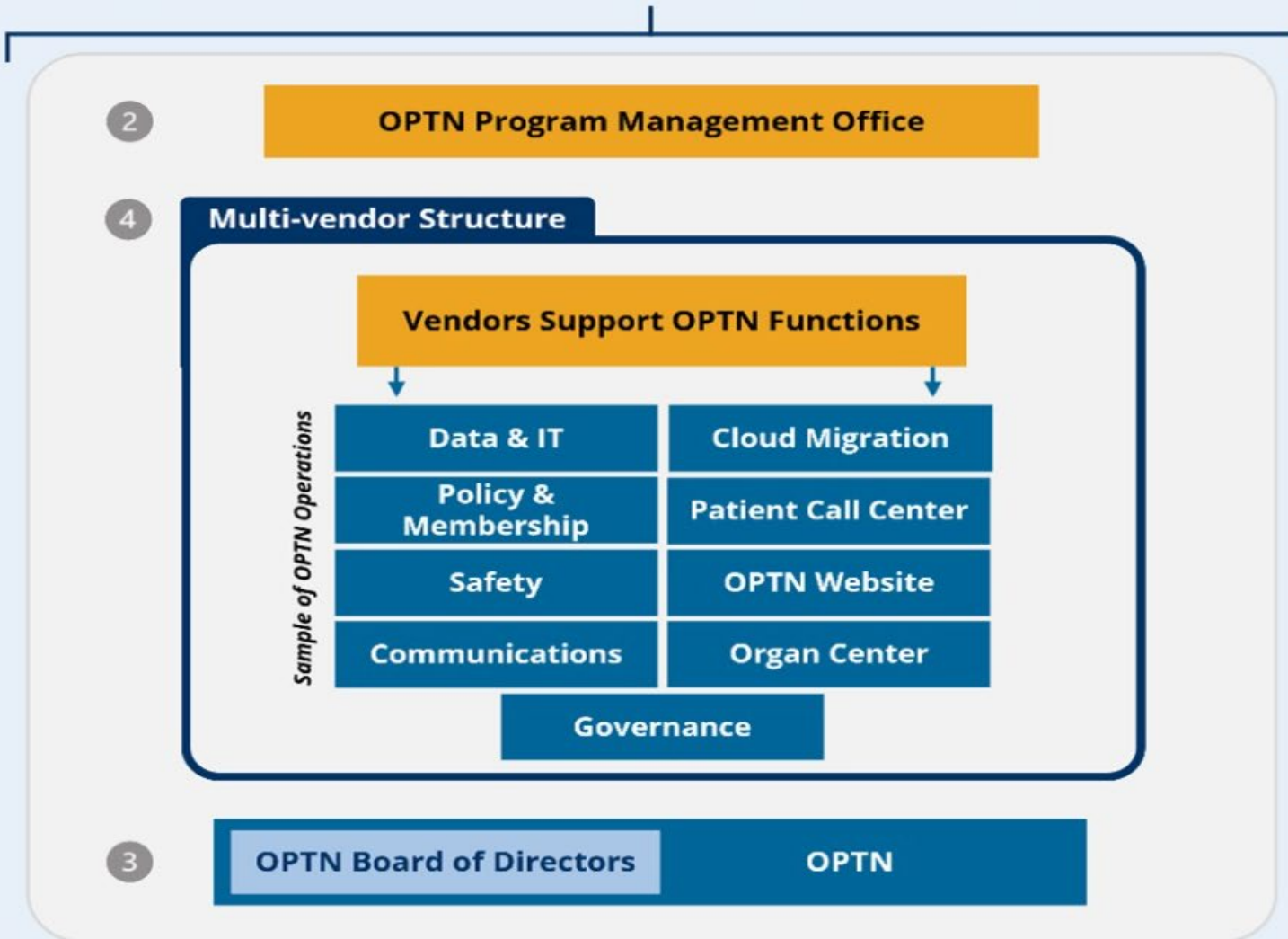
- **Improve patient safety**, the guiding principle of the U.S. organ donation and transplantation system
- **Increase transparency** through improved reporting, clearer accountability and dissemination of information and public dashboards
- **Strengthen fairness** by supporting more consistent and reliable national allocation practices
- **Upgrade technology** through modern IT development and management, and improved functionality and real-time tools
- **Enhance resilience** by reducing dependence on a single vendor
- **Support innovation** and faster updates to clinical tools and operations
- **Improve public trust** through better data, more transparency, and stronger oversight

These changes will help save more lives, support donor families, and ensure that the transplant system keeps pace with medical and technological advances.

Phase 3: Implement a Modern Structure

1 HRSA Enhanced Oversight & Program Ownership

- 1 HRSA oversees the multi-vendor structure
- 2 OPTN Program Management Office coordinates the multi-vendor structure
- 3 OPTN Board of Directors informs the multi-vendor structure
- 4 The multi-vendor structure responds to the OPTN Board



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Artificial Intelligence

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