

Organ Donation

1. Increase participation on the New York State Donate Life Registry

Support the State Budget proposal to provide \$352,000 for services to support the Center for Liver Transplant and the Alliance for Donation.

Currently, one New Yorker dies every sixteen hours while waiting for a life-saving transplant due to a lack of availability of organs. New York State ranks second to last in the nation for donor registration (designated donors as a percentage of state population age 18 and over, represented on state registry). At the same time, we have the third highest number of patients currently waiting for a life-saving organ transplant.

2. Raise awareness of organ scarcity in New York State

Support increasing NYAD's appropriation by \$500,000 in the Fiscal Year 2016-17 State Budget.

The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) is joining with the New York Alliance for Donation (NYAD) to ask the State to address the public health crisis of organ scarcity by increasing NYAD's appropriation by \$500,000 in the Fiscal Year 2016-17 State Budget.

The increase in State funding will allow NYAD to develop and implement a comprehensive statewide strategy to increase New York's availability of lifesaving and improving organs and tissues for transplantation. In order to increase the number of registered donors in New York State, NYAD seeks to undertake a statewide campaign to raise awareness concerning the current public health crisis that has resulted from the scarcity of organ and tissue donors. The campaign is designed to:

3. Develop best practices for organ recovery organizations

NYAD will conduct an educational symposium for New York State organ recovery professionals featuring expert testimonials from United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS) and representatives from top performing recovery organizations where transplants and consent rates have been successfully increased.

4. Publish materials on New York's organ donation crisis

NYAD will publish material on the status of donation and include a detailed strategies that would improve the state's performance and reduce the number of New Yorkers on the national transplant waitlist. This would be a collaborative process incorporating contributions from the varied facets of the donation community.