



UAMS Kidney Transplant IOTA Model FAQ

Increasing Organ Transplant Access Model FAQs

What is the IOTA Model?

The Increasing Organ Transplant Access Model (IOTA Model) is a required program that helps more people with kidney disease get life-saving kidney transplants. It is designed to improve patients' health, lower costs for Medicare, and make the transplant process more focused on the patient. It also helps doctors and care teams work together to make it easier for patients to get on the transplant list and receive a kidney.

Who is included?

CMS chose about half of the kidney transplant hospitals in the country, a total of 103, to participate in the IOTA Model. UAMS is one of the hospitals that was chosen.

When does this begin?

The IOTA Model will begin on July 1st, 2025, and will end on June 30th, 2031.

How does this affect me?

- Patients receiving care from participating transplant hospitals may experience greater care coordination and access to care.
- The IOTA Model does NOT change your existing Medicare coverage, benefits, choices, or protections. You have the right to visit any doctor, hospital or provider that accepts Medicare at any time, just like you do now.

What do to next:

- You are not required to do anything else.
- If you do not want Medicare to share your health care data, call 1-800-633-4227 and tell the representative that your kidney transplant hospital is part of the IOTA Model and that you do NOT want Medicare to share your health information.
- If you have any additional questions about the IOTA Model, please contact us at 501-686-8634.
- Visit the IOTA Model Website for additional information:
<https://www.cms.gov/priorities/innovation/innovation-models/iota>.