

# Children win broader access to donor lungs

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A national transplant board has permanently adopted a rule that gives children a better shot at donor lungs.

The vote comes a year after a Pennsylvania girl's need for new lungs sparked a [national debate](#) on donor rules.

The Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network says the issue affects about 20 children a year. On Monday, the group approved a rule that lets children apply for adult lungs.

A federal judge had ordered the network to add 11-year-old Sarah Murnaghan, of Newtown Square, to the adult list last year. After two transplants—one failed—Sarah is now breathing on her own.

The network says a dozen children have asked to be added to the adult list. However, it says most are still matched with [donor lungs](#) from children.

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