

Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (UAGA)

The UAGA is a federal law, first declared in 1968. This Act created the power to donate organs, eyes and tissue for transplant purposes throughout the United States. It was revised in 1987 and 2006 to reflect changes in the practice of organ donation, and the critical need to save more lives through donation. Because of the UAGA,

- Individuals can document their wish to be donors upon or after death through a Donor Registry
- Parents or guardians can make an anatomical gift during a minor's lifetime
- Families are dis-empowered from making or refusing to make anatomical gifts in contradiction to a registered donor's wishes.
- If someone's wishes are unknown, a spouse or relative can make the decision to donate.
- The trafficking of organs for profit is illegal.

You can learn more about federal and state laws regarding donation at organdonor.gov.