

Court hearing on hold over lung transplant rules

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(AP)—A court hearing over organ donation rules is on hold after the Pennsylvania girl at the center of the lawsuit received a lung transplant.

Ten-year-old Sarah Murnaghan is recovering after receiving adult lungs this week at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Her parents had sued over national transplant rules that place children behind older children and adults on the list for adult lungs.

U.S. <u>District Judge</u> Michael Baylson intervened, leading to a quick match.

Meanwhile, the national transplant network has created a special appeals process for about 30 other children who need lungs.

Baylson has canceled Friday's hearing, but says he'll revisit the issue next month if necessary, for either Sarah or another Philadelphia patient who sued, 11-year-old Javier Acosta of New York.

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