

SUBJECT: TRAUMA CARE FUND

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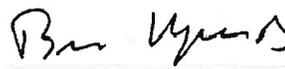
- I. **Authority:** Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 2.5, Section 1797.198, 1797.199
  
- II. **Purpose:** To establish a process for the administration and disbursement of fiscal resources in the Trauma Care Fund to trauma centers based upon submission of trauma registry data.
  
- III. **Definitions:**
  - A. **Trauma Care Fund Inclusion Criteria**
    1. ICD-9 code ranging between 800 to 959.9, **and**
    2. Trauma center admission to the hospital, **and**
    3. Evaluated by a trauma or burn surgeon in the emergency department or resuscitation area, **or**
    4. Trauma related death **and** ICD-9 code ranging between 800 to 959.9, **or**
    5. Interfacility transfer in/out for a higher level of trauma care **and** ICD-9 code ranging between 800 to 959.9
  
  - B. **Trauma Care Fund Exclusion Criteria:**
    1. Had isolated burn without penetrating or blunt injury, **or**
    2. Were discharged from the Emergency Department or Trauma resuscitation area, **or**
    3. Trauma consult patients who were not admitted to the trauma service.
  
- IV. **Policy**
  - A. The Trauma Care Fund has been established as a means to administer and distribute monies from the State Treasury Trauma Care Fund which have distributed to the Local Emergency Medical Services Agency based upon trauma registry data.
  
  - B. The County shall distribute all monies received into the trauma care fund to eligible trauma centers, except for 1% that will be allocated to the County for administrative costs.
  
  - C. The County will use specified methodology or a competitive grant based system for distribution of the funds based on established criteria.
  
  - D. If additional State Treasury Trauma Fund monies are available after the initial distribution, the County shall submit a request to the EMS Authority

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for additional funding. The County will develop a methodology for distribution of any additional monies received into the Trauma Care Fund. The Trauma Administrators Committee will function as an advisory committee to the County on distribution of the Trauma Care Fund.

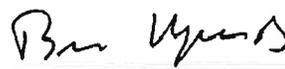
- E. An application will be made to the EMS Authority for any additional trauma centers, which are designated within the County after July 1 and before January 1 of any fiscal year in which funds are distributed.
- F. If a designated trauma center de-designates prior to June 30 during a fiscal year in which it has received Trauma Care Funds, the trauma center will pay back to the County a pro rata portion of the funds it has received. The returned monies will then be distributed to the remaining trauma centers. If no designated trauma centers remain within the County, the County will return the monies to the EMS Authority.
- G. A contract will be completed for each designated trauma center receiving monies from the Trauma Care Fund. The contract will include:
  - 1. Trauma registry data transmission to the County for the purposes of Trauma Care Fund distribution.
  - 2. Invoice mechanism will be used for the distribution of allocated trauma care funds..
  - 3. Distribution methodology for any remaining monies in the Trauma Care Fund.
  - 4. Report to the County on how the funds were used to support trauma services.
  - 5. The trauma center shall demonstrate that it is appropriately submitting data to the trauma registry, and participate in audit process by EMS on annual basis.
  - 6. The funds shall not be used to supplant existing funds designated for trauma services, including medical staff coverage or training ordinarily provided by the trauma hospital.
- H. The County will conduct an annual audit of the Trauma Care Fund Contract within two years of a distribution. The audit will include monitoring for compliance with:
  - 1. Data submission requirements

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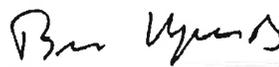
2. Distribution methodology
3. Appropriate spending of Trauma Care Fund monies on trauma services.
  - I. The County will provide trauma registry data to the Emergency Medical Services Authority within 45 days of each request.
  - J. The County will utilize the standardized reporting criteria of trauma patients to the State Trauma Registry by July 1, 2003 or as determined by the EMS Authority.
  - K. The County will provide to the EMS Authority an annual fiscal year report by December 31 following any fiscal year in which Trauma Care Funds were distributed.

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