

Financing

Prereview Questionnaire

1. How does the lead agency track and analyze internal trauma system finances?

Each year the department develops an operational budget based on available funding appropriated by the Texas Legislature. Expenditures are tracked within DSHS's financial system and are monitored by our budget office and management to ensure funds are expended in accordance with requirements outlined in the Texas Health and Safety Code.

a. How does the advisory committee participate in the financial review?

Every two years DSHS develops a legislative appropriations request and the department seeks stakeholder input on legislative initiatives. The majority of the funding disbursed to the trauma system is distributed according to formulas outlined in the Texas Health and Safety Code. Any deviations from the formulas would require a change in Statute.

b. How frequently are trauma system financial reports published?

Operational Budget – Yearly

Grant awards and disbursements to EMS and RACs – Quarterly

Uncompensated trauma care costs / charges – Yearly

c. Which financial data are reported (lead agency data, health facility data, or both)?

Both.

2. What is the lead agency's budget for the trauma system?

Eighty four million dollars (\$84,000,000) is budgeted for Fiscal Year 2010. More than ninety-five percent (95%) of the funds are disbursed to eligible entities (Hospitals, EMS providers and RACs) across the state that participate in the trauma system. The distributions are based on formulas outlined in the Texas Health and Safety Code.

3. What is the source of funding available to support the development, operations, and management of the trauma system (for example, general funds, dedicated funds)?

One hundred percent (100%) of state funds are appropriated by the Texas Legislature. See attachment (3.0) *EMS and Trauma Systems Funding Programs*, and a chart attachment (3.1) *Texas EMS and Trauma Systems Funding Streams*, that outline various funding sources.

4. What financial incentives and disincentives exist for trauma center participation in the trauma system?

Participants in the state wide trauma system are eligible to receive funding from various grant programs offered by the department.

a. Specifically include arrangements for uncompensated and undercompensated care.

Each fiscal year designated trauma facilities are eligible to apply for the uncompensated trauma care disbursement which helps offset a portion of the uncompensated trauma care provided at the facilities, attachment (4a.0) *Application*. Trauma Designation is also requirement for hospitals eligible to receive Medicaid Disproportionate Share Funding.

Documentation Required

Before the site visit:

- ✓ A copy of the lead agency's budgets, identifying line items directly related to goals and objectives of the trauma plan. See attachment, (DRB.1) *Budget*.
- ✓ A recent trauma system financial report. See attachment (DRB.2) Bound copies of TDSHS-Annual Financial Report Year Ended August 31, 2009, and TDSH Fiscal Year 2010-Operating Budget will be provided on-site. There are no known electronic copies or links available for these documents.

On-site:

- ✓ Letters and/or legislation that document financial or in-kind commitment. This is not applicable. All our funding is state funding.
- ✓ Notice of awards and abstracts (active grants) This is not applicable. We don't have any grant awards. All our funding is state funding.