

**PENNSYLVANIA TRAUMA SYSTEMS STABILIZATION ACT**  
**Annual Report**  
**Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

**PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION**

The Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Stabilization Act of 2004 (Act 15) established an annual disproportionate share payment to Pennsylvania hospitals accredited by the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation (PTSF) as Level I, Level II or Level III Trauma Centers. Act 15 also established criteria for Level III Trauma Centers and provided a methodology to distribute funds.

Superseding Act 15, Senate Bill 922 (Act 84 of 2010), re-established the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Stabilization Act under the Public Welfare Code. Act 84 revises the definition of "Trauma Center" to allow out-of-state hospitals with trauma centers to qualify for trauma stabilization funds and provides up to four years funding to hospitals pursuing Level III accreditation. Before funds are disbursed, Act 84 requires qualified trauma centers commit to using the funds on the development and provision of trauma services. Each trauma center receiving funds is required to provide the Department of Human Services (Department) with a report accounting for expenditures and how the funds have improved access to trauma care for Pennsylvania residents. Act 84 did not make any changes to the methodology for the distribution of funds.

**BENEFIT TO THE COMMONWEALTH**

This hospital funding benefits the citizens of Pennsylvania by improving access to readily available and coordinated trauma care. The direct beneficiaries are Pennsylvania hospitals that have received accreditation as Level I, Level II or Level III Trauma Centers.

Hospitals report that Trauma Program funding enables them to meet the specialty care required for traumatically injured patients. Trauma surgeons, emergency room personnel, neurosurgery, orthopedic surgery, oral/maxillofacial and plastic surgeons and other specialties are essential to provide optimal outcomes for patients.

Hospitals consistently emphasized the following areas where funding has improved access or enhanced the quality of trauma care for injured patients:

- Training programs have been established for surgeons, nurses and residents. Courses include Advanced Trauma Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Trauma Nursing, continuing education, and monthly trauma symposiums;

- Community education and outreach initiatives focusing on reduction of traumatic injuries are being offered, with programs targeting the most frequently identified injuries in both youth and adult populations; and
- Facility improvements such as a helicopter transport ventilator and a state-of-the-art simulation center to train the trauma team.

The program also benefits citizens of the Commonwealth by ensuring the financial stability of qualified hospitals.

## **ADDITIONAL ISSUES AND INFORMATION**

### ***Disproportionate Share – Hospital Upper Payment Limit Issues***

As required by Act 84, the Department obtained federal matching funds through an approved State Plan Amendment.

Section 1923(g) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §1396r-4(g), as amended by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) '93, mandates that no hospital receiving disproportionate share (DSH) payments that include federal monies may exceed their hospital-specific DSH upper payment limit (UPL).

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-2014, Tenet Health System (THS)-St. Christopher's Hospital for Children was unable to receive a Trauma payment due to unresolved DSH UPL issues.

## **TRAUMA CENTER PAYMENTS**

In FY 2013-2014, the State Budget appropriated \$8,656,000.00 for Trauma Center funding. On April 16, 2014, Pennsylvania received notification of federal approval of a State Plan Amendment, effective January 5, 2014, which provided federal matching funds for Trauma Center DSH payments, increasing the total available funding to \$18,623,063.68.

Trauma payments totaling \$18,145,859.97 were distributed to thirty-two hospitals, \$8,434,195.69 in state funds and \$9,711,664.28 in federal funds. There were seventeen Level I Trauma Centers, thirteen Level II Trauma Centers, and two Level III Trauma Centers. The difference in the State appropriation and expenditure (\$221,804.31) is due to THS-St. Christopher's Hospital for Children's unresolved DSH UPL issues.

Ninety percent of the funding (\$16,760,757.31) was available for distribution to Level I and Level II Trauma Centers, with the remaining ten percent (\$1,862,306.37) available for distribution to Level III Trauma Centers.

Fifty percent of the total funding for Level I and Level II Trauma Centers (\$8,380,378.66) was available for distribution equally among Level I and Level II Trauma Centers. The remaining fifty percent of the total funding for Level I and Level II Trauma Centers was available for distribution based on each Trauma Center's percentage of Medical Assistance and uninsured trauma cases and patient days compared to the statewide total number of Medical Assistance and uninsured trauma cases and patient days for all Level I and Level II Trauma Centers.

Fifty percent of the total funding for Level III Trauma Centers (\$931,153.19) was available for distribution equally among all Level III Trauma Centers. The remaining fifty percent of the total funding for Level III Trauma Centers was available for distribution based on each Trauma Center's percentage of Medical Assistance and uninsured trauma cases and patient days compared to the statewide total number of Medical Assistance and uninsured trauma cases and patient days for all Level III Trauma Centers.

### ***Level I and Level II Centers***

The data used to determine the calculated portion of each Level I and Level II Trauma Center's payment was supplied by the PTSF, with the exception of the Western Pennsylvania Hospital-Forbes Regional Campus. The data used to determine the calculated portion of the Western Pennsylvania Hospital-Forbes Regional Campus' payment was provided by the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council (PHC4); the data was pro-rated to reflect the hospital's nine months of accreditation. Data used was from 2012.

### ***Level III Centers***

The data used to determine the calculated portion of Pocono Hospital's Level III payment was supplied by the PTSF and the data used to determine the calculated portion of Meadville Medical Center's Level III payment was provided by the PHC4. Data used was from 2012.

### ***Cap on Level III Payments***

Payment to each Level III Trauma Center may not be greater than fifty percent of the average statewide annual payment to a Level II Trauma Center. In FY 2013-2014, payments for all hospitals accredited as Level III Trauma Centers were capped at \$210,733.07, per this calculation.

## **ATTACHMENT**

- Report of individual Trauma Center data and funding

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Hospital	Level	Total Trauma Visits **	Total Medical Assistance & Self Pay Trauma Visits** (included in Total Trauma Visits)	State Share Payment	Federal Share Payment	Total Payment
Abington Memorial Hospital <i>Abington, PA</i>	II	1,002	168	\$181,338.30	\$208,804.34	\$390,142.64
Albert Einstein Hospital <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>	I	968	653	\$321,275.29	\$369,936.61	\$691,211.90
Allegheny General Hospital <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>	I	2,494	769	\$412,707.36	\$475,217.26	\$887,924.62
Aria Health <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>	II	1,332	540	\$315,569.06	\$363,366.09	\$678,935.15
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>	I	957	392	\$210,872.29	\$242,811.64	\$453,683.93
Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>	I	1,068	570	\$235,375.72	\$271,026.44	\$506,402.16
Conemaugh Valley Memorial Medical Center <i>Johnstown, PA</i>	I	1,025	181	\$190,058.45	\$218,845.28	\$408,903.73
Crozer-Chester Medical Center <i>Upland, PA</i>	II	1,449	582	\$293,318.61	\$337,745.52	\$631,064.13
Forbes Hospital <i>Monroeville, PA</i>	II	1,475	154	\$166,638.28	\$191,877.82	\$358,516.10
Geisinger Community Medical Center <i>Scranton, PA</i>	II	698	141	\$171,975.64	\$198,023.58	\$369,999.22
Geisinger Medical Center <i>Danville, PA</i>	I	1,796	515	\$289,453.26	\$333,294.71	\$622,747.97
Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center <i>Wilkes-Barre, PA</i>	II	804	204	\$195,009.35	\$224,546.06	\$419,555.41
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>	I	1,500	814	\$505,814.24	\$582,426.38	\$1,088,240.62
Lancaster General Hospital <i>Lancaster, PA</i>	II	1,211	322	\$217,602.46	\$250,561.17	\$468,163.63
Lehigh Valley Hospital <i>Allentown, PA</i>	I	3,230	572	\$320,044.70	\$368,519.63	\$688,564.33
Meadville Medical Center <i>Meadville, PA</i>	III	654	82	\$97,948.73	\$112,784.34	\$210,733.07
Paoli Memorial Hospital <i>Paoli, PA</i>	II	992	168	\$176,319.86	\$203,025.80	\$379,345.66
Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center <i>Hershey, PA</i>	I	1,597	516	\$296,013.37	\$340,848.44	\$636,861.81
Pocono Hospital <i>East Stroudsburg, PA</i>	III	614	134	\$97,948.73	\$112,784.34	\$210,733.07
Reading Hospital and Medical Center <i>Reading, PA</i>	II	1,312	328	\$227,130.36	\$261,532.21	\$488,662.57
Robert Packer Hospital <i>Sayre, PA</i>	II	689	199	\$199,078.39	\$229,231.39	\$428,309.78
Saint Mary's Medical Center <i>Langhorne, PA</i>	II	687	79	\$156,245.98	\$179,911.47	\$336,157.45
St. Luke's Hospital <i>Bethlehem, PA</i>	I	1,420	324	\$232,306.40	\$267,492.23	\$499,798.63
Temple University Hospital <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>	I	1,597	989	\$488,562.64	\$562,561.80	\$1,051,124.44
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>	I	1,204	389	\$274,572.06	\$316,159.57	\$590,731.63
THS-Hahnemann University Hospital <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>	I	707	380	\$276,360.40	\$318,218.78	\$594,579.18
UPMC Altoona Hospital <i>Altoona, PA</i>	II	967	369	\$221,519.46	\$255,071.47	\$476,590.93
UPMC Hamot Medical Center <i>Erie, PA</i>	II	1,311	366	\$243,845.74	\$280,779.35	\$524,625.09
UPMC Mercy <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>	I	1,502	549	\$326,138.59	\$375,536.51	\$701,675.10
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>	I	4,318	1,301	\$558,543.89	\$643,142.62	\$1,201,686.51
West Virginia University Hospital <i>Morgantown, WV</i>	I	1,916	572	\$316,267.88	\$364,170.77	\$680,438.65
York Hospital <i>York, PA</i>	I	1,401	280	\$218,340.20	\$251,410.66	\$469,750.86
		43,897	13,602	\$ 8,434,195.69	\$ 9,711,664.28	\$18,145,859.97

\*\*Source of Data:

2012 Data from Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation  
2012 Data from Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council