

PENNSYLVANIA TRAUMA SYSTEMS STABILIZATION ACT
Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2007-2008

PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION

The Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Stabilization Act of 2004 (Act 15) established an annual disproportionate share payment to hospitals located in Pennsylvania that are accredited as Level I, Level II or Level III Trauma Centers by the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation (PTSF).

BENEFIT TO THE COMMONWEALTH

The purpose of this hospital funding is to improve the availability of and access to a comprehensive trauma care system for the citizens of Pennsylvania. The direct beneficiaries are Pennsylvania hospitals that have received accreditation as Level I, Level II or Level III Trauma Centers. As these payments will help ensure the financial stability of qualified hospitals, the program also benefits citizens of the Commonwealth.

ADDITIONAL ISSUES AND INFORMATION

Disproportionate Share – Upper Limit Issues

As required by the Act, the Department obtained federal matching funds per State Plan Amendment approval on November 30, 2004 (effective June 1, 2004). Section 1923(g) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §1396r-4(g), Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) '93', mandates that no hospital receiving supplemental payments that include federal monies may exceed their hospital-specific Disproportionate Share (DSH) Upper Payment Limit (UPL). In 2008, there were no hospitals unable to receive Trauma payments due to DSH UPL issues. In future years, this could be an issue with individual hospitals.

West Virginia University Hospital

As a result of a ruling by the United States District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania, the Department made payment to West Virginia University Hospital (WVUH) in the amount of \$820,709.17 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-2008. A State Plan Amendment for this payment was approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on August 28, 2008. A State Plan Amendment is needed for FY 2008-2009 and must be approved by CMS before any Trauma payments can be made. Also, the Court must approve the constitutionality of any amendments to Act 15 before payments can be made.

TRAUMA CENTER PAYMENTS

In FY 2007-2008, the State Budget appropriation for Trauma Center funding was \$12,500,000. Application of the Federal match resulted in total available funding of \$27,221,254.36.

As written into the legislation, ninety percent of this funding (\$24,499,128.92) was available for distribution to Level I and Level II Trauma Centers, with the remaining ten percent (\$2,722,125.44) available for distribution to Level III Trauma Centers.

Fifty percent of the total funding for Level I and Level II Trauma Centers (\$12,249,564.46) 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 (\$1,361,062.72) 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.

Payments to Level I and Level II Trauma Centers were first calculated without the inclusion of WVUH's data. The resulting payment amounts were distributed to the Level I and Level II Trauma Centers. WVUH's payment amount was calculated through a second iteration of payments for Level I and Level II Trauma Centers that included WVUH's data.

In 2008, Trauma payments totaling \$25,673,891.27 were distributed to twenty-nine hospitals, of which \$11,789,450.88 is state money and \$13,884,440.39 is federal money. There were sixteen Level I Trauma Centers, twelve Level II Trauma Centers, and one Level III Trauma Center. The difference in the State appropriation and expenditure (\$710,549.12) is due to the legislatively mandated limit to Level III Trauma Center payments and the low number of Level III Trauma Centers. Also, WVUH payment was made with unspent Level III funding.

Level I and Level II Centers:

With the exception of WVUH, the data used to determine the calculated portion of each Level I and Level II Trauma Center's payment was supplied by the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation (PTSF). The data used was from 2006. WVUH's data was provided by the hospital, through their legal counsel. The data used was from 2006.

Future payments to WVUH require the hospital's accreditation by the PTSF. The PTSF has provided WVUH with the Pennsylvania Trauma Outcome Study reporting standards.

Level III Centers:

The data used to determine the calculated portion of the Level III Trauma Center's payment was provided by the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council. The data used was from 2006.

Cap on Level III Payments

As previously noted, 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 2008, Good Samaritan – Pottsville Hospital's payment was capped at the fifty percent average of the Level II payments (\$354,053.20).

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	823	98	\$247,996.29	\$292,065.32	\$540,061.61
Albert Einstein Hospital <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>	I	1,000	672	\$464,032.10	\$546,490.77	\$1,010,522.87
Allegheny General Hospital <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>	I	2,207	708	\$550,510.23	\$648,336.10	\$1,198,846.33
Altoona Hospital <i>Altoona, PA</i>	II	981	329	\$324,915.73	\$382,653.36	\$707,569.09
Children's Hosp. of Philadelphia <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>	I	964	337	\$284,105.67	\$334,591.35	\$618,697.02
Children's Hosp. of Pittsburgh <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>	I	1,020	456	\$314,256.90	\$370,100.45	\$684,357.35
Community Medical Center <i>Scranton, PA</i>	II	844	277	\$324,975.74	\$382,724.05	\$707,699.79
Conemaugh Memorial Med. Ctr. <i>Johnstown, PA</i>	I	959	210	\$301,508.11	\$355,086.21	\$656,594.32
Crozer-Chester Medical Center <i>Upland, PA</i>	II	1,210	467	\$434,084.35	\$511,221.29	\$945,305.64
Frankford Hospital <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>	II	909	413	\$358,836.58	\$422,601.97	\$781,438.55
Geisinger Medical Center <i>Danville, PA</i>	I	1,393	381	\$396,240.82	\$466,652.95	\$862,893.77
Good Samaritan Hospital <i>Pottsville, PA</i>	III	582	31	\$162,581.23	\$191,471.97	\$354,053.20
Hamot Medical Center <i>Erie, PA</i>	II	990	282	\$341,578.73	\$402,277.38	\$743,856.11
Hospital of the Univ. of PA. <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>	I	1,539	746	\$618,560.00	\$728,478.33	\$1,347,038.33
Lancaster General Hospital <i>Lancaster, PA</i>	II	1,198	289	\$322,806.56	\$380,169.40	\$702,975.96
Lehigh Valley Hospital <i>Allentown, PA</i>	I	2,810	746	\$567,522.23	\$668,371.13	\$1,235,893.36
Milton S. Hershey Med. Center <i>Hershey, PA</i>	I	1,655	1,024	\$662,888.94	\$780,684.54	\$1,443,573.48
Reading Hospital and Med. Ctr. <i>Reading, PA</i>	II	824	215	\$289,593.68	\$341,054.57	\$630,648.25
Robert Packer Hospital <i>Sayre, PA</i>	II	731	91	\$259,712.43	\$305,863.42	\$565,575.85
Saint Mary Medical Center <i>Langhorne, PA</i>	II	401	93	\$236,080.62	\$278,032.23	\$514,112.85
St. Luke's Hospital <i>Bethlehem, PA</i>	I	1,302	305	\$337,530.92	\$397,510.29	\$735,041.21
Temple University Hospital <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>	I	1,899	1,293	\$971,728.05	\$1,144,404.47	\$2,116,132.52
Thomas Jefferson Univ. Hosp. <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>	I	912	318	\$421,704.86	\$496,641.95	\$918,346.81
THS - Hahnemann Univ. Hosp. <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>	I	663	336	\$407,863.65	\$480,341.16	\$888,204.81
THS - St. Christopher's Hospital <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>	II	476	307	\$279,579.63	\$329,261.03	\$608,840.66
UPMC Mercy <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>	I	977	363	\$379,815.50	\$447,308.85	\$827,124.35
UPMC Presbyterian <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>	I	3,177	1,094	\$669,782.53	\$788,803.12	\$1,458,585.65
West Virginia Univ Hosp. <i>Morgantown, WV</i>	I	1,689	546	\$376,869.65	\$443,839.52	\$820,709.17
York Hospital <i>York, PA</i>	II	1,159	724	\$481,789.15	\$567,403.21	\$1,049,192.36
		35,294	13,151	\$11,789,450.88	\$13,884,440.39	\$25,673,891.27

**Source of Data:

- Levels I & II Trauma Centers: 2006 Data from Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation
- Level III Trauma Centers: 2006 Data from Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council
- West Virginia University Hospital Data: West Virginia University Hospital through Legal Counsel