

## Part 2a Statewide Trauma System

### **26-8a-250 Establishment of statewide trauma system.**

The department shall establish and actively supervise a statewide trauma system to:

- (1) promote optimal care for trauma patients;
- (2) alleviate unnecessary death and disability from trauma and emergency illness;
- (3) inform health care providers about trauma system capabilities;
- (4) encourage the efficient and effective continuum of patient care, including prevention, prehospital care, hospital care, and rehabilitative care; and
- (5) minimize the overall cost of trauma care.

Enacted by Chapter 305, 2000 General Session

### **26-8a-251 Trauma system advisory committee.**

- (1) There is created within the department the trauma system advisory committee.
- (2)
  - (a) The committee shall be comprised of individuals knowledgeable in adult or pediatric trauma care, including physicians, nurses, hospital administrators, emergency medical services personnel, government officials, consumers, and persons affiliated with professional health care associations.
  - (b) Representation on the committee shall be broad and balanced among the health care delivery systems in the state with no more than three representatives coming from any single delivery system.
- (3) The committee shall:
  - (a) advise the department regarding trauma system needs throughout the state;
  - (b) assist the department in evaluating the quality and outcomes of the overall trauma system;
  - (c) review and comment on proposals and rules governing the statewide trauma system; and
  - (d) make recommendations for the development of statewide triage, treatment, transportation, and transfer guidelines.
- (4) The department shall:
  - (a) determine, by rule, the term and causes for removal of committee members;
  - (b) establish committee procedures and administration policies consistent with this chapter and department rule; and
  - (c) provide administrative support to the committee.

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### **26-8a-252 Department duties.**

In connection with the statewide trauma system established in Section 26-8a-250, the department shall:

- (1) establish a statewide trauma system plan that:
  - (a) identifies statewide trauma care needs, objectives, and priorities;
  - (b) identifies the equipment, facilities, personnel training, and other things necessary to create and maintain a statewide trauma system; and
  - (c) organizes and coordinates trauma care within defined geographic areas;
- (2) support the statewide trauma system by:

- (a) facilitating the coordination of prehospital, acute care, and rehabilitation services and providers through state regulation and oversight;
- (b) facilitating the ongoing evaluation and refinement of the statewide trauma system;
- (c) providing educational programs;
- (d) encouraging cooperation between community organizations, health care facilities, public health officials, emergency medical service providers, and rehabilitation facilities for the development of a statewide trauma system;
- (e) implementing a quality assurance program using information from the statewide trauma registry established pursuant to Section 26-8a-253;
- (f) establishing trauma center designation requirements in accordance with Section 26-8a-254; and
- (g) developing standards so that:
  - (i) trauma centers are categorized according to their capability to provide care;
  - (ii) trauma victims are triaged at the initial point of patient contact; and
  - (iii) trauma patients are sent to appropriate health care facilities.

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**26-8a-253 Statewide trauma registry and quality assurance program.**

- (1) The department shall:
  - (a) establish and fund a statewide trauma registry to collect and analyze information on the incidence, severity, causes, and outcomes of trauma;
  - (b) establish, by rule, the data elements, the medical care providers that shall report, and the time frame and format for reporting;
  - (c) use the data collected to:
    - (i) improve the availability and delivery of prehospital and hospital trauma care;
    - (ii) assess trauma care delivery, patient care outcomes, and compliance with the requirements of this chapter and applicable department rules; and
    - (iii) regularly produce and disseminate reports to data providers, state government, and the public; and
  - (d) support data collection and abstraction by providing:
    - (i) a data collection system and technical assistance to each hospital that submits data; and
    - (ii) funding or, at the discretion of the department, personnel for collection and abstraction for each hospital not designated as a trauma center under the standards established pursuant to Section 26-8a-254.
- (2)
  - (a) Each hospital shall submit trauma data in accordance with rules established under Subsection (1).
  - (b) A hospital designated as a trauma center shall submit data as part of the ongoing quality assurance program established in Section 26-8a-252.
- (3) The department shall assess:
  - (a) the effectiveness of the data collected pursuant to Subsection (1); and
  - (b) the impact of the statewide trauma system on the provision of trauma care.
- (4) Data collected under this section shall be subject to Chapter 3, Health Statistics.
- (5) No person may be held civilly liable for having provided data to the department in accordance with this section.

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**26-8a-254 Trauma center designations and guidelines.**

- (1) The department, after seeking the advice of the trauma system advisory committee, shall establish by rule:
  - (a) trauma center designation requirements; and
  - (b) model state guidelines for triage, treatment, transportation, and transfer of trauma patients to the most appropriate health care facility.
- (2) The department shall designate as a trauma center each hospital that:
  - (a) voluntarily requests a trauma center designation; and
  - (b) meets the applicable requirements established pursuant to Subsection (1).

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