

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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