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Dear Mr. Wagner:

The EMS Authority (EMSA) has approved Sacramento County's 2014 Trauma System Status Report. Thank you for providing the report in compliance with EMSA's Annual Trauma System Status Report Guidelines. All Sacramento County's trauma system information provided in the report is in compliance with California Code of Regulations, Title 22 Trauma Care Systems.

In accordance with the regulations, Section 100253, "The local EMS agency shall submit a trauma system status report as part of its annual EMS Plan update." In order to provide you with an appropriate schedule, Sacramento County's next Trauma System Status Report shall be included with its EMS Plan Update. According to our files, Sacramento County's next EMS Plan Update is currently under review. To keep on a schedule, your Trauma System Status Report should be submitted with the 2015 EMS Plan Update.

Upon review of the report, the EMS Authority has the following required actions/recommendations/comments:

Trauma System Summary

Accepted as Written Required Action Recommendation Comment

Changes in Trauma System

Accepted as Written Required Action Recommendation Comment

Number and Designation Level of Trauma Centers

Accepted as Written Required Action Recommendation Comment

Trauma System Goals and Objectives

Accepted as Written Required Action Recommendation Comment

Thank you for the more detailed account of your system's goals and Objectives. While they still could be more measurable they helped me to understand your performance improvement and data activities.

Changes to Implementation Schedule

Accepted as Written Required Action Recommendation Comment

System Performance Improvement

Accepted as Written Required Action Recommendation Comment

While the objectives explain briefly the PI activities for Sacramento's trauma system, I would like to see more detail in your next update. Specifically, what indicators are used for your Trauma Review Committee and how often do they meet? How is your data used to support PI activities? If ACS is used during the reporting year, how is Title 22 requirements reviewed?

Progress on Addressing EMS Authority Trauma System Plan/Status Report

Action Items

Accepted as Written Required Action Recommendation Comment

Thank you again for submitting a report on Sacramento County's Trauma System. Your next Trauma System Status Report will be due with your 2015 EMS Plan update (see attached format). Please provide us with an electronic copy as well as a paper copy. If you have any questions, please contact Tom McGinnis at (916) 322-4336 or tom.mcginis@emsa.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Howard Backer, MD, MPH, FACEP
Director

Attachment

SACRAMENTO COUNTY
2014 TRAUMA SYSTEM STATUS REPORT

In accordance with established guidelines, the annual update to the Sacramento County Trauma Care System Plan is herewith submitted.

Trauma System Summary - No significant changes have occurred within the last year. The Sacramento County Trauma Care System remains a network of dedicated professionals in communications, transportation (public and private), out-of-hospital emergency medical care employing comprehensive standing orders and immediate availability at one of three in-county (and one out-of-County) trauma centers. The system is constantly under review to include quarterly trauma review committee meetings conducted by trauma surgeons and other trauma professionals from both within the County and adjacent or nearby counties.

Changes in Trauma System – No changes of note have occurred in the Trauma System since last years status report.

Number and Designation Level of Trauma Centers – There are no potential problems or possible changes in designation for any of the below listed trauma centers at this time.

In-County

University of California Davis Medical Center

2315 Stockton Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95817
(916) 734-2011
Level I Trauma Center (Adult and Pediatric)

Kaiser Permanente Medical Center - South Sacramento

6600 Bruceville Road
Sacramento, CA 95823
(916) 688-2000
Level II Trauma Center

Mercy San Juan Medical Center

6501 Coyle Avenue
Carmichael, CA 95608
(916) 537-5000
Level II Trauma Center

Out-of-County

Sutter Roseville Medical Center

One Medical Plaza
Roseville, CA 95661
(916) 781-1200
Level II Trauma Center

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Trauma System Goals and Objectives – Most of the activities dealing with the Trauma Systems goals and objectives involve maintaining/ expanding our region-wide Trauma Review Committee forum for detailed review and analysis of filtered unexpected surgical outcomes, and comprehensive data collaboration.

- *Improve mechanisms to ensure continuing compliance with trauma care system standards through continuous quality improvement (CQI) activities, and data collection from both designated trauma centers and non-trauma centers.*

Trauma managers and surgeons from El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano and Yolo counties, as well as regional forensic pathologists, are regular contributing participants at Sacramento County Trauma Review Committee meetings. This forum is nearly two decades old and provides uncommon educational opportunities to region-wide physicians and administrators.

- *Improve integration and coordination of trauma services within the EMS system through continued data collection, analysis and trauma system policy development through advisory committees.*

Sacramento County trauma data is posted on its EMS web site, thereby open for public comment, as well as analysis by the County's EMS Medical Oversight and Operational Oversight Committees. Our data consultant provides invaluable provider software/ element interface, and guidance on trending quality improvement issues.

- *Improve coordination of local trauma activities with trauma services in adjacent counties through involvement in trauma CQI activities with out-of-county trauma centers and trauma systems.*

Our participation and support for the State Regional Trauma Care (RTC) System is ongoing – even through local funding being eliminated for all non-mandated EMS activities. Local encouragement for participation in this valuable activity has seen positive results.

- *Improve accountability and objective evaluation of the trauma care system through data collection and analysis utilizing a trauma registry and an audit and review process.*

In addition to ongoing local and regional trauma data review and analysis, each Sacramento County designated trauma center/ data registry is inspected every three years by an independent, nationally recognized team of trauma surgeon experts from the American College of Surgeons – Committee on Trauma. Representative, filtered samplings of patient charts and data records are reviewed for appropriateness and practices are improved as deemed necessary.

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Changes to Implementation Schedule – No changes have occurred to the current implementation schedule.

System Performance Improvement – Local trauma system improvement is ongoing - through the specifics above and regular local physician refinement of all pre-hospital treatment protocols.