



Texas EMS Trauma & Acute Care Foundation

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The Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation (TETAF). TETAF is dedicated to assisting trauma service area regional advisory councils operationalize the rules and regulations defined by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation agrees to provide the following services to subscribing regional advisory councils for the defined subscription fee.

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Your subscription includes participation in our statewide legislative education efforts. TETAF, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3), works with our subscribers to improve the EMS, trauma and acute care delivery system. TETAF focuses on educational efforts to inform state leaders and the public of the impact of injury, illness and the need for a stand ready system for rapid response. During the Texas legislative interim, subscribing RACs will be consulted as TETAF begins development of its Texas Legislative Priorities for the 82nd Texas Legislature to begin January 2011. TETAF will also monitor and engage in all pertinent legislative interim studies. Each subscribing RAC may designate individuals from the RAC to sit on the eight standing committees of TETAF – Acute Care, Disaster Preparedness, Education, EMS, Injury Prevention, Pediatric, RAC and Trauma – and have the opportunity to assist in goal development of these divisions.

System Development

TETAF will conduct at least seven conference calls annually targeting system development and regional improvements. Topics will range from professional education, injury prevention, stroke system development, trauma system development and registry development. The calls are coordinated by the staff of TETAF. Additionally, regulatory updates and periodic scientific updates will be provided. Subscribers will receive the call schedule in advance and access numbers. Reminder notifications will be sent ten days prior to the call. In addition to the conference calls, four face-to-face meetings will be held in conjunction with quarterly GETAC meetings.

Consulting Services

Each subscribing region may request assistance in organizational development, development or assistance with revision to Bylaws, Standard Operating Procedures, Record Management, and Human Resource Management. Subscribers should schedule a specific call with the TETAF staff to define the specific needs of the RAC. Objectives, timelines and deliverables of the consultation must be agreed to prior to the consultation visit.

Educational Programs

TETAF will provide educational opportunities such as AAAM courses, trauma registrar courses, surveyor credentialing courses, trauma coordinator courses, TOPICS, trauma activation billing, the Stroke Support Facility Symposium, the TETAF Injury Prevention Symposium and the EMS, trauma and acute care registry summit. Subscribing RACs may coordinate with TETAF staff to determine the feasibility of bringing certain programs into their region to increase the accessibility of these programs to a larger population. Additional programs may be developed in response to subscriber requests and needs. Individuals attending a program from a subscribing



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RAC will receive a reduction on registration for TETAF initiated programs. A discount will be offered, if possible, on other national and state programs sponsored by TETAF.

Trauma Facility Designation Surveys

TETAF offers the opportunity for Level III and Level IV Trauma Facilities to coordinate their Trauma Facility Designation site surveys with in-state site survey teams composed of persons selected by TETAF versus the American College of Surgeons. The surveys are conducted by individuals who are active in the Texas Trauma System. These individuals are independent, qualified persons who complete a training course and are mentored by seasoned state reviewers who determine if applicant hospitals meet the Level III and Level IV Essential Criteria as defined by the Texas Department of State Health Services/Office of EMS and Trauma Services Coordination. The site surveys are completed for a competitive fee and hospitals located within a TETAF subscribing RAC will receive a discounted fee for this service. Facilities seeking trauma facility site surveys must contact TETAF directly to schedule the review.

TETAF will maintain the Surveyor Credentialing Process to ensure all independent surveyors are trained and evaluate all trauma programs objectively and consistently. TETAF will monitor all trauma center designation surveys to ensure consistent, objective surveys.

Trauma Facility Survey Consultation

TETAF offers Level III and Level IV trauma facility consultations through the same process as the site survey process. Sample designation plans may be shared. Trauma facilities requesting consultation assistance must contact TETAF directly to schedule the consultation. While some consultation can occur remotely, onsite hospital consultations, if requested, will incur an additional fee billed to the hospital.

Comprehensive Clinical Management Program (CCMP) for EMS Providers

TETAF will continue to work with the Texas Department of State Health Services to assess the interest in CCMP certification for EMS agencies in Texas. TETAF would like to seek approval from DSHS to be a certifying organization for CCMP. If TETAF does become a CCMP certifying organization, TETAF will provide consultation services to EMS agencies located within a subscribing RAC requesting such services. Site surveys will be completed for a competitive fee and EMS agencies located within a TETAF subscribing RAC will receive a discounted fee for this service.

CCMP Certification Consultation

EMS Providers that would request consultation assistance with CCMP must contact TETAF directly to schedule the consultation. While some consultation can be provided remotely onsite consultations, if requested, will incur an additional fee billed to the EMS entity.

Stroke Center Designation Reviews

TETAF is awaiting approval from the Texas Department of State Health Services to be a survey organization for Stroke Center Designation. If TETAF is approved as a survey organization, survey visits will be coordinated by site survey teams composed of independent, qualified persons selected by TETAF to determine if applicant hospitals meet the Essential Criteria as defined by the Texas Department of State Health Services.



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Stroke Center Consultation Service

TETAF offers Stroke Center consultation assistance similar to the trauma facility consultation program. Facilities interested in the stroke center consultation should contact TETAF directly to schedule the consultation review. While some consultation can occur remotely onsite hospital consultations, if requested, will incur an additional fee billed to the hospital.

Resource Assistance

Subscription-only pages on the www.tetaf.org website will be a resource to assist RACs, EMS, trauma centers, stroke centers and providers in the system to gain an understanding of how “others” complete specific tasks through examples and best practice models. Subscription-only pages will be activated by summer 2010.

EMS/Trauma/Acute Care Registry Development

TETAF is moving forward with the evaluation of an effective statewide or regional EMS, trauma and acute care registry that has the opportunity to provide outcome data. The 2nd Annual Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Registry Summit will be held in April 2010.

Injury Prevention

TETAF will conduct research utilizing statewide data to enhance and develop injury prevention. The first Texas EMS, Trauma and Acute Care Injury Prevention Symposium will be held February 22, 2010 in Austin.

Other Services

TETAF stands committed to furthering the development of the EMS, trauma and acute care systems in Texas and will be responsive to subscribing RACs needs. TETAF staff is available to attend RAC meetings to further develop relationships and better identify the needs of all twenty-two RACs. Please contact TETAF staff to coordinate participation and possible presentation needs of your RAC.

TETAF has developed a Mentorship/Advisory Committee comprised of individuals with a long standing commitment to EMS, trauma and acute care. Further development of this committee during 2010 will seek to provide mentorship programs for subscribing RACs.

If you have questions regarding any of the services provided through this subscription, please contact Dinah Welsh, CEO of TETAF at 512-917-1128 or at dwelsh@tetaf.org