



# Policy AC-106

## Transition Period for the Implementation of New or Revised Standards of Trauma Center Accreditation

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### Purpose:

To provide a transition period for accredited trauma centers to implement new or revised trauma center standards.

### Procedure:

1. Following approval by the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation (PTSF) Board of Directors (Board), new or revised standards will be made immediately available to the accredited trauma centers.
2. Compliance with the new or revised standards will be effective not less than nine months from the date of approval by Board.
3. Trauma Centers may apply for a variance from a standard based on Policy AC-105: Applying for a Variance from a Standard by an Accredited Trauma Center (ATC).
4. Site survey visits will be governed by the most recent set of standards that have been approved by the Board at least nine months in advance of the current review cycle.

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Approved by PTSF Board of Directors:

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