

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

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#### Purpose:

To provide a transition period for trauma programs to implement new or revised standards of accreditation.

#### Procedure:

1. Following approval by the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation (PTSF) Board of Directors (Board), new or revised standards will be made available to the pursuing hospitals/accredited trauma centers.
  - A. If a change eases the requirements for a trauma center, it is effective immediately.
  - B. If a change heightens the requirements for a trauma center, it will be in effect no less than nine (9) months from the approval date.
    - i. The Board may determine an effective date greater than nine (9) months should it determine a longer transition period is indicated.
2. The expected compliance date for the new or revised standards will be communicated to the hospitals in the Board Update and in Appendix E: Standards of Accreditation Revision Log in the Standards of Accreditation.
  - A. Pursuing hospitals/accredited trauma centers are expected to demonstrate full compliance with all applicable standards by the published compliance date. Plans for future implementation do not constitute compliance.
3. Pursuing hospitals/accredited trauma centers may apply for a variance from a standard in accordance with Policy AC-105: Applying for a Variance from a Standard.
4. Site survey visits and panel reviews will be governed by the most recent set of standards with a compliance date in the survey cycle.

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Approved by PTSF Board of Directors and/or Executive Committee:

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