

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 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. Pursuing hospitals/accredited trauma centers may apply for a variance from a standard based on Policy AC-105: Applying for a Variance from a Standard.
3. 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.

Approved by PTSF Board of Directors:

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