

Purpose:

To outline how the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation (PTSF) Board of Directors (Board) will address concerns raised by hospitals that are not in agreement with the accreditation determination and/or the significant issue(s) cited within the accreditation report.

Procedure:

1. If the institution is not in agreement with the accreditation decision regarding the duration of accreditation or significant issue(s) cited, and/or participating in a mandatory Board Panel meeting the hospital may submit a request for reconsideration to the PTSF Executive Director. The electronic and/or written request must:
 - a. Be received within 30-days from the date of the Accreditation Report.
 - b. Contain:
 - i. Cover letter summarizing areas of disagreement
 - ii. Documents supporting reason(s) for reconsideration
2. The PTSF staff and a panel of up to 3Board members will review the request and supporting documents.
 - a. Board members will be selected based on the type of significant issue(s) cited in the accreditation report and the PTSF Conflict of Interest policy.
 - b. The Board Panel can consist of physicians, nurses, and hospital administrators.
3. An in-person meeting will be scheduled between the hospital and the PTSF Board Panel, where the request will be presented and discussed.
4. The Board Panel will outline the rationale for the accreditation determination decision and offer suggestions to resolve the outstanding significant issue(s).
5. The Board Panel will present their review and recommendation(s) to the entire Board at the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting. The Board will determine whether to accept the panel's recommendation¹.
6. After the Board meeting is concluded, the board's decision will be shared in writing with the trauma program leadership.
7. If the hospital remains in disagreement with the final decision of the Board, the hospital may then initiate the process outlined in PTSF Policy AC-103: Appeals Process.

¹ The in-person meeting is mandatory for any hospitals receiving a one-year determination and optional for those receiving a two- or three-year determinations. If a hospital is meeting in person with the board panel, a discussion with the entire board will not occur until AFTER the in-person meeting. The board panel will consist of up to three board members—physician, nurse, and administrator—who have no conflicts of interest.



Policy AC-136

Request for Reconsideration of Accreditation Deliberation Decision

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