

Notice
Extension of Trauma Center Designation Deadlines

July 15, 2020

WHAT:

The Kansas Trauma Program is extending designation expiration dates for facilities:

1. Who would be surveyed in the spring of 2020
2. Whose designation will expire in 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023

WHY:

The physicians, nurses, and auxiliary staff involved in the individual trauma programs, as well as, the physicians, trauma program managers, and state staff who conduct the site surveys are redirected into emergency preparedness efforts.

The extension for surveys creates an increased demand for surveys in 2021 that will be offset by temporarily transforming the 3-year designation into a 4-year designation through the year 2023. This adjustment allows the Kansas Trauma Program to be flexible and adapt to the changing circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.

HOW:

Facilities who have submitted the designation renewal application materials will NOT need to submit a new PRQ or adjust their supplemental materials.

If the PRQ required an improvement plan, facilities will have until the new designation expiration date to address the noted criteria deficiencies. In the event of an improvement plan, a new PRQ will need to be submitted.

Facilities that have not submitted initial or designation renewal application materials will submit their materials by their new expiration date.

Facilities will be notified individually of their new expiration date and timelines.

When site surveys resume, priority will be given first to the surveys originally for scheduled for Spring 2020, initial designations, and facilities with 1-year designations.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Wendy O'Hare, state trauma program director, at Wendy.OHare@ks.gov or 785-296-1210.

We would like to thank all our Kansas Trauma Centers for their continued participation in and support of the state's trauma system. We trust that designated trauma centers will continue to offer the appropriate level of trauma care during this time and the quality of service provision will not be impacted by this delay.

Sincerely,



Lee A. Norman, M.D. Secretary
Kansas Department of Health and Environment