

State of Kansas
Department of Health and Environment

Notice of Hearing on Proposed Administrative Regulations

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Division of Health, Bureau of Community Health Systems, will conduct a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 6, 2017, in the Flint Hills Conference Room, third floor, Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Topeka, to consider the adoption of proposed amended regulations K.A.R. 28-54-1, 28-54-2, 28-54-3, 28-54-4 and 28-54-5 regarding designation of a hospital trauma center.

A summary of the proposed regulations and the estimated economic impact follows:

Summary of Regulations

K.A.R. 28-54-1. Definitions.

Amendments change the definition of a level IV trauma center to remove the limitation of only being able to transfer to a level I, level II or level III through the addition of language that allows the level IV trauma center to transfer to any trauma facility capable of providing care necessary to treat a patient's injuries. Amendments also define "on-site survey" and the criteria for successful completion of the secretary's on-site survey process and revise the definition of "verification" to reference the American College of Surgeons level I, level II and level III evaluation process.

K.A.R. 28-54-2. Standards for designation.

Amendments clarify the standards for designation for each of the four different trauma center designation levels.

K.A.R. 28-54-3. Application for designation.

Amendments clarify the processes associated with the application for designation for all four trauma center designation levels and the fees associated with each.

K.A.R. 28-54-4. Application for change of designation.

Amendments clarify the processes associated with the application for change in trauma center designation for all four trauma center designation levels, keeping processes consistent with changes made to other trauma center designation processes.

K.A.R. 28-54-5. Certificate of designation; renewal.

Amendments clarify the processes associated with the trauma center designation renewal for all four trauma center designation levels, keeping processes consistent with changes made to other trauma center designation processes.

Economic Impact

Costs to the agency: It is anticipated that costs incurred by KDHE to implement the changes in the proposed regulations will be minimal. Current trauma program staff will be utilized to process and review level IV applications and coordinate on-site surveys.

Costs to consumers: There is no increase in costs to consumers.

Costs to other governmental agencies or units: There is no increase in costs to other governmental agencies or units.

The time period between the publication of this notice and the scheduled hearing serves as the required public comment period of at least 60 days for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the proposed amended regulations. All interested parties may submit written comments to Carman Allen, KDHE, Preparedness and Trauma, Bureau of Community Health Systems, Curtis States Office Bldg., 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 340, Topeka, 66612, by email to Carman.Allen@ks.gov, or by fax to 785-296-1210. During the hearing, all interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their views orally on the proposed regulations as well as an opportunity to submit their written comments. In order to give each

individual an opportunity to present their views, it may be necessary for the hearing officer to request that each presenter limit an oral presentation to an appropriate time frame.

Complete copies of the proposed amended regulations and the corresponding economic impact statement may be obtained from the KDHE Trauma Program website at www.kansastrauuma.org or by contacting Nancy.Akin@ks.gov, 785-296-3180 or by fax at 785-296-2625. Questions pertaining to the proposed amended regulations should be directed to Carman Allen at the contact information for Carman Allen above.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulations and the economic impact statement in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Nancy Akin at 785-296-3180.

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Secretary
