



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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W. Duncan Donald, III, MD
Chair, Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee
10 Bay Landing
Hattiesburg, MS 39402

Dear Respective MTAC Chair and Committee Members:

Section 41-59-5 (5), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, establishes the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) as the lead agency in statewide Trauma Care System development. Moreover, MSDH is responsible for implementing and managing the statewide Trauma Care System. As part of this responsibility, historically, MSDH has opted to contract with trauma regions for administering regional trauma system activities; however, following the advice of this committee, MSDH has reviewed the efficacy of the current regional system and found opportunities for reducing administrative and educational costs and improving on the scope and quality of trauma-related educational offerings. Accordingly, MSDH will begin using the Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation, Inc., a foundation of the Mississippi Hospital Association, effective April 16, 2020 for services formerly provided by trauma care regions. The current seven trauma regions will be funded for services provided through April 15, 2020. The regions were notified of the upcoming transition on March 5, 2020. Additional details and the benefits of this transition will be shared at the next meeting of the MTAC.

This decision was not taken lightly. It was made after receiving concerns, comments and feedback from stakeholders throughout the state and to better ensure the sustainability of the Trauma Care System.

Thank you for all your efforts to help improve trauma care in Mississippi!

Sincerely,

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