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| Trauma Committee | | Date: 9/12/2023 | |
| | | Time: 0915-1015 | |
| | | Location: Baytown | |
| Facilitator: | Julie Matson / Kathy Rodgers | Note taker: | |
| Attendance: | <p>Medical Directors online: Dr. Norman (UTMB League City), Dr. Person (UTMB Galveston), Dr. Hoyt (Christus Jasper), Dr. Singer (UTMB Angleton Danbury), Dr. Pandya (Memorial Hermann).</p> <p>In-person attendance is kept by the RAC admin office.</p> | | |
| Agenda | | | |
| Agenda Item | Lead | Info/Open/Closed | |
| Introduction/Announcements | Julie | | |
| RAC R data summary Q1 2023- participation requirements/standardization | Julie | | |
| Trauma rules timeline – no change | Julie | | |
| Designation rules definitions public forum timeline | Julie | | |
| ICD-10 Initial and Refresher Classes (OCT) – virtual | Julie | | |
| Gap analysis – overview | Julie | | |
| Trauma plan update – discussion | Julie | | |
| Medical Director Participation | Julie | | |
| Minutes | | | |
| Approval of previous minutes | Approval of minutes of June 2023 | | |

Meeting called to order at 0915.

RAC-R Data Summary: One facility that did not submit their data. Total of 1853 charts entered into the registry for Q2. Different metrics were discussed. Transfer out times again were discussed. It was suggested that people have regular meetings with their local EMS agencies to discuss ways to potential decrease the amount of time it takes for EMS to arrive to their facilities.

Trauma rules timeline has not changed since last meeting, except the public comment date was pushed to December 22nd of 2022. It was noted that public comment will be open for 30 days only including weekends and holidays. The Trauma Subcommittee will meet very quickly after the holidays in a virtual platform to put together a summary of what we want to send as a RAC for public comment. It was encouraged that each facility send in their own public comment as well utilizing their legal department for backing. It was noted that if significant changes to the rules are made, the process will start over with 1st and 2nd public comment and the state is going to do their best to not have that happen.

Gap Analysis Overview/Rules: Several topics were discussed regarding the proposed rules and the effects that it will have on our trauma centers, particularly the increase in requirements for our Level IV medical directors/trauma centers.

- Level IV facilities that have an ED physician as their TMD will be required to have hospitalist/critical care and orthopedic liaisons if they admit orthopedic patients to their facility. It was discussed that for many level IVs that have community physicians that this may be a hardship as they don't currently participate in peer review.
- TMDs will need to take TOPIC every 4 years, as well as the FEMA classes (100, 200, 700, 800). TMDs will also need to participate in the regional RHPC meetings, take the DMEP course, and annually facilitate training for the liaisons on the disaster plan for their hospital. TMDs will also need to take a Trauma Medical Director Course.
- TPMs will need TOPIC every 4 years, will need to take the FEMA classes as well (100, 200, 300, 700, 800).
- Survey guidelines that were released and then pulled back do not match the gap analysis with the new proposed rules. These will have to change to reflect the proposed rules if passed. These are slotted to go live September of 2024 and be in place for any surveys after this date. The survey guidelines have FTE "suggestions" on the last page that were not legislated, so make sure to review as there is the potential to have your surveyors ask about FTE allocation. This includes PI coordinator duties that mirror the ACS of 1.0 FTE if you have over 1000 entries.
- If you have physicians taking care of trauma patients (especially if they are going to the OR), they will need to be credentialed by the TMD at your facility. The easiest way to do this is to give the OPPE forms to the designated liaisons and have them fill out the forms and give them back to you.
- Someone from finance is going to have to come to your Operations/Systems meetings at least twice a year to discuss how the funding from the Uncompensated Care is being utilized to support the trauma program.
- You must not only have a PI plan, but also a data quality plan.
- Within the new rules there is now a "mortality with regional opportunity for improvement." These cases will need to be submitted to the RAC for regional medical director review.

Discussion was had that the RAC has significant funding for its members to help offset the cost of these new classes. Please make sure to register, pay for the course, and submit your reimbursement request to the RAC at least 30 days prior to the course. These get approved at the board meetings which are posted online – please make sure to get it turned in as soon as possible so the board can approve.

ICD-10 Classes will be held either late October or early November 2023 which is going to be sponsored by the RAC. There will be a full class and refresher courses offered.