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Maryland Trauma Fund Semi-Annual On-Call Costs Application

Trauma Center's Request for Reimbursement

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OVERVIEW

The Maryland Health Care Commission requires specific information on Trauma Center operations. Please **READ** and **CAREFULLY RECORD** your responses legibly.

When to File an Application? – The Trauma Center must submit a complete and accurate application within thirty days of its fiscal year semi-annual and annual end date.

Which Level of Trauma Center Can Request Payment for On-Call Costs? – Level I, Level II, Level III Trauma Centers, Pediatric Trauma Centers, and the three Specialty Referral Centers can receive disbursement from the Fund to maintain the minimum number of physicians required to be on-call, as specified by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems regulations. For on-call reimbursement, the following formula will apply:

Level I and Pediatric Trauma Centers are reimbursed at the lesser of what the trauma center actually paid in on-call stipends or up to 30 percent of the Medicare reasonable compensation equivalent's hourly rate for the specialty, inflated to the current year by the physician compensation component of the Medicare Economic Index as designated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, multiplied by 4,380 hours per year (2,190 per six-month semi-annual filing period). Level I and Pediatric Trauma Centers may request reimbursement for the on-call expenses of trauma surgeons, neurosurgeons, and orthopedists.

Level II Trauma Centers are reimbursed at the lesser of what the trauma center actually paid in on-call stipends or up to 30 percent of the Medicare reasonable compensation equivalent's hourly rate for the specialty, inflated to the current year by the physician compensation component of the Medicare Economic Index as designated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, multiplied by 24,500 hours per year (12,250 per six-month semi-annual filing period). Level II Trauma Centers may request reimbursement for the on-call expenses of anesthesiologists, trauma surgeons, neurosurgeons, and orthopedists.

Level III Trauma Centers are reimbursed at the lesser of what the trauma center actually paid in on-call stipends or up to 35 percent of the Medicare reasonable compensation equivalent's hourly rate for the specialty, inflated to the current year by the physician compensation component of the Medicare Economic Index as designated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, multiplied by 35,040 hours per year (17,520 per six-month semi-annual filing period). Level III Trauma Centers may request reimbursement for the on-call expenses of anesthesiologists, trauma surgeons, neurosurgeons, and orthopedists.

Over What Period Can I request Payment? – The Trauma Center may submit a claim for reimbursement of On-call costs incurred with the Trauma Center's current fiscal year.

To be Eligible for Payment from the Maryland Trauma Fund, Level I, Level II, and Level III Trauma Centers, The Pediatric Trauma Centers, and Specialty Referral Centers shall report the net cost of stipends paid to Trauma physicians that are on-call at the Trauma Center during the reporting cycle as define in Maryland Law and regulations.

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BEFORE YOU MAIL CHECK LIST

- (1) Did you review this report to verify that the information provided is accurate?

- (2) Did you complete the responses on every page?

- (3) Did you report each of the trauma physicians that were Stand-by during this twelve-month reporting period on p. 6? (N/A)

- (4) Did the trauma center's administrator sign the statement of verification on page 8?

Application Questions

PLEASE BEGIN REPORT

1. The information reported in this application is for experience in a 6-month period representing either the first or second half of the applicant's fiscal year. Please identify the time period represented in this report.

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2. Trauma Center Name
Street
City/State
Zip Code Area Code/Telephone
E-mail Address

3. Please list the person to contact for information concerning this report:
- Name
Title
Area Code/Telephone
E-mail Address

4. What is your trauma center's designation level?

6. Please provide the trauma center’s actual net on-call costs, the number of trauma physicians, and total hours for maintaining trauma physicians’ on-call during this six-month reporting period.

Table 2: Summary Physician On-Call Information

Specialty	\$ Net On-Call Costs	Number of On-Call Physicians	Total On-Call Hours
Anesthesiologist			
Neurosurgeon			
Orthopedist			
Trauma Surgeon			

7. Please give the name and address where the remittance for the trauma center’s Stand-by costs should be sent.

Name

Street

City/State Zip Code

Tax ID Number

Note: The Fund will reimburse up to 2,190 on-call hours at Level I and Pediatric centers, 12,250 On-call hours at Level II centers, 17,520 hours at Level III centers, and 1095 hours at specialty in any semi-annual filing period. The on-call hourly rates, per physician specialty, are posted annually on the On-Call rate table.

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION

I hereby authorize that the facts stated in the Maryland Trauma Fund Annual Stand-by Trauma Services Application are correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I am an Administrator of the Trauma Center/Hospital and can verify that all information submitted in this form is accurate and true.

(Name of Trauma Center/Hospital - please print or type)

(Trauma Center Administrator's name & title – please print or type)

(Trauma Center Administrator's Signature)

(Date)

Glossary of Terms

Application – The Maryland Trauma Physician Payment Application.

Commission – Maryland Health Care Commission.

Fraud – The act of (1) knowingly and willfully making or causing any false statement or representation of a material fact in any application for payment and (2) knowingly and willfully making or causing any false statement or representation of a material fact for use in determining rights to payments.

Fiscal Year – A 12-month accounting period that may or may not end on December 31st.

Fund – Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund.

Hours On-Call – The hours during the day when the Trauma physician is on-call and available to provide care in the Trauma Center.

HSCRC – Health Services Cost Review Commission.

Maryland Trauma Registry – A clinical trauma registry that monitors and provides information necessary to evaluate major trauma or specialty patient care, outcome, and cost, as well as assess how designated Trauma Centers and other hospitals comply with the trauma standards, regulations, and protocols.

MIEMSS – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems.

On-Call – A Trauma Physician who commits for a specific time to be available and responds within an Agreed amount of time to provide care for a patient in the hospital, as defined by MIEMSS.

On-Call Costs – The on-call stipend paid by the Trauma Center to Trauma Physicians for being Available to provide trauma care minus any recoveries that the Center deducts from the stipends.

Remittance – Payment for Stand-by costs.

Report – Information required by the Maryland Health Care Commission for the purpose of distributing funds.

Reporting Cycle – A six-month period that corresponds to the semi-annual or annual half of an organization's own fiscal year.

Service Period – The time from entrance to the Trauma Center or Emergency Room until the dismissal from the Trauma Center or discharge from the acute care hospital.

Stand-by Costs – The costs to a trauma center or its affiliated hospital for paying physicians to be available on site at the trauma center or its affiliated hospital to treat trauma patients.

Stipend – The amount of payment made by the Trauma Center to have a Trauma Physician available on Stand-by for a specific time period.

Trauma Patient – A patient must have a record in the Maryland Trauma Registry.

Trauma Physician – A Trauma Surgeon, an Orthopedic Surgeon, a Neurosurgeon, a Critical Care Physician, an Anesthesiologist, or an Emergency Room Physician who provides care in a Trauma Center to Trauma Patients on the State Trauma Registry.

Trauma Physician Tax Identification Number – An employer identification number used by a trauma physician for tax filing purposes and health care reimbursement for services provided at the Trauma Center.

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING

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**PLEASE REVIEW THE CHECK LIST
AT THE BEGINNING OF THE APPLICATION.**

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION TO:

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