

# RAC Operation Guidelines

## EMS Trauma Funding

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### I. Trauma System Funding

Senate Bill 102 (SB-102) was signed in June 1997, which established the EMS/Trauma System fund (Health and Safety Codes §773.122 – 144, and §157.130). The following November, the Board of Health proposed rules for the commitment of funding distribution, and then adopted in March 1998.

Senate Bill 1131 (78<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session) established a fund for county and regional emergency medical services, designated trauma facilities, and trauma care systems, appropriated to the Department of State Health Services. Within the bill are stipulations for the distributions of funds composed of money deposited under the Code of Criminal Procedures, and earnings of the account.

Senate Bill 3588; Article 10: Driver Responsibility Act (78<sup>th</sup> Legislation) created a system of points and surcharges applied to the driver’s license of those convicted of certain moving violations to be implemented by the Department of Public Safety. One half of the funds are credited to trauma facilities and emergency medical services. Additionally, a new \$30 court fee on some traffic violations of which one-third of the revenue is credited to designated trauma facilities and emergency medical services and is to expire in September 2007.

House Bill 1676 (76<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session) established the EMS & Trauma Care Tobacco Endowment for emergency medical services and trauma care to reduce morbidity and mortality due to injuries. The source of funds is interest earned on the endowment up to the appropriation level established by the 76<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. The annual allocations are for Regional EMS/Trauma Systems Development grants, EMS Local Project Grants (LPG), DSHS administrative costs, and DSHS program costs.

Acronym	Fund	Description
EMS/TRA-RAC	3588	EMS/Trauma funds routed to RAC for distribution
EMS/TRA-CTY	3588	EMS/Trauma funds passed thru to counties within RAC who meet compliance at discretion of RAC formularies
EMS/COUNTY	911/1131	EMS funds passed thru based on 911, mandated by state legislature and collected throughout stated, designated for EMS expended by county; funds distributed to each entity via the RAC based on RAC formularies
EMS/RAC	911/1131	Funds designated for exclusive and discretionary use by RACs
EMS/TOB	Tobacco	
Local Project Grants (LPG)	LPG	Funds to local EMS entities based on application for local projects/needs; EMS entities to apply for funds via RAC, which may or may not assist local EMS entities in seeking funds for LPG needs
EEF	EEF	Emergency Extraordinary Funds
Dispro	Dispro	Disproportion funds for designated trauma care facilities, active participant in RAC, specified for indigent care

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**II. Funding Breakdown<sup>1</sup>**

A. Commissioner's Extraordinary Emergency Allotment

1. \$500,000 911/1131 funds
  - a) To resolve acute compromise to provision of emergency services
  - b) Eligible: EMS providers, hospitals, and registered FRO who participate in a RAC
2. \$500,000 3588 funds
3. To resolve acute compromise to provision of emergency services
4. Eligible: EMS providers, hospitals, and registered FRO

B. EMS Allotment

1. EMS Portion: 911/1131 funds
2. 50% accumulated in accounts
3. To support EMS providers
4. Eligible: Licensed EMS providers

C. EMS Portion: 3588 funds

1. 2% accumulated in the account
2. Eligible: Licensed EMS providers

D. RAC Allotment

1. 911/1131 funds
2. 20% accumulated in the account
3. Eligible: RACs recognized by DSHS §Rule 157.123

E. RAC Portion: 3588 funds

1. 1 % of accumulated 3588 monies
2. Eligible: RACs recognized by DSHS §Rule 157.123

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<sup>1</sup> RAC In Review; 04/2006

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### F. Tobacco RAC Grants

1. Tobacco endowment: portion of accrued interest
2. Support RACs
3. Quarterly distribution
4. Eligibility: RACs recognized by DSHS §Rule 157.123

### G. EMS Local Project Grants (LPG)

1. Tobacco Endowment: portion of accrued interest
2. To increase availability/quality of EMS/Prehospital health care
3. Eligible: licensed EMS provider, registered FRO

### H. ECA Training

1. Tobacco endowment: portion of accrued interest
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3. To provide ECA training to rural and underserved areas
4. Eligible: Government entities or non-government organizations that meet rural or underserved area status