

1 §157.122 Trauma Service Areas

2 (a) Trauma service areas (TSAs) are established for effective delivery of
3 trauma care and emergency medical services in geographical regions
4 consistent with planning and management standards

5 (b) Texas is geographically divided into 22 TSAs. Each TSA shall:

6 (1) contain no fewer than three Texas counties in each TSA;

7 (2) use county borders to geographically define the TSA boundaries; and

8 (3) have at least one designated trauma facility within its boundaries and
9 is a level III or above.

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10 (c) The department shall maintain the current list of counties included in
11 each TSA.

12 (d) The county judge may request realignment with another TSA, on behalf
13 of a health care facility, a licensed EMS Provider, or initiated by the
14 department. County realignments will be to a TSA which is contiguous to the
15 county.

16 (1) The requesting entity shall submit a request to the department
17 specifying:

18 (A) reason(s) for realignment request;

19 (B) existing patient routing patterns used by both EMS providers and
20 healthcare facilities, including distances and transport times involved in this
21 patient routing;

22 (C) all entities affected by the request; and

23 (D) documentation that the receiving regional advisory council (RAC)
24 agrees with the proposed re-alignment.

25 (2) The requesting entity shall forward copies of the request to all
26 impacted entities to include but not limited to RACs, county governments,
27 health care facilities, first responder organizations, and EMS providers, and
28 the department.

29 (3) The department will evaluate the re-alignment request based on the
30 impact to patient care.

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