

7.j. GETAC Trauma System Committee Update to Council

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2025 Committee Priorities Update

Priority Not Implemented

Priority Activities Recorded

Priority Completed and Monitored

Committee Priorities	Current Activities	Status
SCOR Project Transfer delays for patients with severe hypotension or GCS < 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project is not on track to meet our specific aim of improvement by 2026• Workgroup meetings with selected RAC Directors show directed activity is occurring• SCOR meeting requests• recommend focus on gather data specific to patients with penetrating trauma• Request to develop an advisory letter to trauma center leadership teams• Committee members to educate trauma center leaders on this SCOR project• Committee members will collaborate with pediatric committee regarding severely injured children and pediatric readiness score	

HOSPITALS CHARGED CMS FOR TRAUMA TEAM ACTIVATIONS THAT DID NOT COMPLY WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

- FINDINGS:

- CMS made Medicare payments to hospitals for trauma team activations that did not comply with federal requirements
- 18 of 125 sampled claims met Medicare requirements
- 107 sampled claims did not meet Medicare requirements
- 100 of the 107 sampled claims, \$728,468 was found in unallowable activation charges submitted by hospitals
- The remaining 7 did not meet requirements due to coding errors
- It is estimated that 234, 248 claims were submitted to Medicare that did not comply with federal requirements or 77% of all claims submitted
- Estimate of approximately \$2.4 Billion in unallowable charges for activations did not meet requirements