



## COVID-19 Designation/Verification Guidance

The Bureau of EMS, Trauma and Preparedness (BETP) has been monitoring the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and the impact it is having on hospitals in Michigan. We understand the commitment our trauma system partners have made to the system and that the dynamics are shifting constantly. Nationally the discussion and concerns are similar. The American College of Surgeons stated in their email to State EMS and Health Departments, “we know hospitals are diverting resources, limiting visitors and placing mandatory travel bans on staff” as the rationale for the one-year extension they are granting for all verified facilities. After careful consideration BETP has decided to postpone in-state site visits for 2020 and grant extensions to currently verified and designated hospitals. The verification and designation status of all hospitals will be maintained during this time.

### **American College of Surgeons (ACS) Verified Trauma Hospitals:**

Michigan designation will continue to be tied to the ACS verification. Therefore, designations will automatically be extended one year.

### **Michigan Verified/Designated Trauma Hospitals:**

The verification and designation status of all currently in-state verified trauma hospitals in Michigan will be extended one year. Any expirations occurring in 2020 will be extended to 2021. All hospitals due for a site visit in 2021, 2022 and 2023 will be extended one year.

### **Michigan Verified/Designated Trauma Hospitals requiring focused visits in 2020:**

The verification and designation status will be extended. The State Trauma Designation Coordinator will contact each hospital once it is feasible for focused visits to be scheduled again. Hospitals will receive at least a 90 day notice. Programs have the option to keep the same 12 month reporting period from the original expiration date OR programs can use a 12 month reporting period consistent with the new on-site focused visit date.

### **Non-Verified/Designated Hospitals:**

Hospitals pursuing initial verification/designation will be scheduled starting January 2021. If site visits are possible to schedule in 2020 (the decision will follow state guidelines around resumption of routine activities) and a hospital pursuing initial verification/designation would like to have a site visit in 2020, they can contact the State Trauma Designation Coordinator ([TraumaDesignationCoordinator@michigan.gov](mailto:TraumaDesignationCoordinator@michigan.gov)).

### **Pre-Review Questionnaire (PRQ) Guidance:**

- **Hospitals with confirmed site visits from March 2020 – May 2020 that were postponed:**
  - The rescheduled site visit will occur 1 year from the original date. For example, a site visit that was scheduled for April 2020 will be rescheduled to April 2021.
  - Programs will keep the same 12-month reporting period based on the original scheduled site visit date.

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- **Hospitals whose verification/designation will now expire July 2021 – December 2021:**
  - Programs have the option to keep the same 12 month reporting period from the original expiration date (2020) **OR**
  - Programs can use a 12 month reporting period consistent with the new site visit date.
  - Medical records for review will be based on the PRQ submission option. Hospitals must advise the State Trauma Designation Coordinator which option they are choosing when the scheduling begins.

## Michigan Criteria Guidance:

- Data Submissions – Quarterly data submissions are expected to continue.
- Regional Performance Improvement and Injury Prevention Participation – Hospitals are expected to attend when the opportunity is available.
- Level I and II only: Provide staff assistance to the department in the verification and designation process – Continue to submit site reviewer applications with the Designation Application when due.

## Performance Improvement Guidance:

Performance Improvement is particularly important during this time and can help inform care decisions in this unprecedented moment

- Continue monitoring audit filters.
- Ensure COVID-19 impacts are noted (i.e. diversion logs, delays to CT)
- Multidisciplinary Peer Review Committee should continue to meet (via conference call or web-based conferencing method is acceptable).
- Continue developing action plans and loop closure on identified issues.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

Continue to monitor the website for information about the process.

[https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551\\_69345\\_69355---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551_69345_69355---,00.html)