MICHIGAN REGIONAL TRAUMA REPORT 1st QUARTER 2026

Region 6

Statutory Reference: R325.132 Rule 8 (3) (a) At least quarterly, a region shall submit evidence of ongoing activity, such as meeting notices, minutes to the department.

Resource Update: Facility Designation Status:

Facility Name	Designated	Level of Designation
Corewell Health Big Rapids	Y	IV
Corewell Health Blodgett Hospital	Y	III
Corewell Health Butterworth Hospital	Y	I
Corewell Health Gerber Memorial Hospital	Y	IV
Corewell Health Helen DeVos Children's Hospital (Pediatric)	Y	I
Corewell Health Greenville Hospital	Y	IV
Corewell Health Ludington Hospital	Y	IV
Corewell Health Reed City Hospital	Y	IV
Corewell Health Zeeland Hospital	Y	III
Holland Hospital	Y	III
McLaren Central Michigan Hospital	Y	IV
MyMichigan Health Clare	Y	IV
Sheridan Community Hospital	N	Not Designated
Trinity Health Grand Haven Hospital	Y	IV
Trinity Health Muskegon Hospital	Y	II

Trinity Health Shelby Hospital	Y	IV
Trinity Health St. Mary's Hospital	Y	II
University of Michigan Health Sparrow Carson Hospital	Y	IV
University of Michigan Health Sparrow Ionia Hospital	Y	IV
University of Michigan Health West Hospital	Y	II

Work Plan Objective / Strategic Plan (SP) Objective Progress and Highlights:

Complete sections that have progress within the quarter.

Injury Prevention

Objectives for Indicator 306.2: SP2: By December 31, 2024, the R6 IP committee will report to the RTAC on which injury prevention programs have been implemented in the region. The RTAC will establish a template for this report prior to December 31, 2024. SP3 By December 31, 2024, the R6 IP committee will analyze the number and type of programs that directly address the top 3 injuries programs in their region as reported in the Inventory. SP4: By December 31, 2024, each regional IP committee will identify and address gaps in their regional programs as it relates to the top 3 injuries analysis in SP3. The IP plans will be updated and progress on this objective will be reported at the RTAC and on the Regional Trauma Coordinator's (RTC's) annual report.
Progress: Completed/Ongoing. At the 1st quarter 2026 Injury Prevention Committee meeting, co-chairs discussed plans for ongoing Injury Prevention initiatives for the year, based on needs identified within the region. The committee is very involved in firearm injury prevention which will be supported through grant funding. The grant activities include development of a firearm safety toolkit, provision of education for trauma service staff, and distribution of gun locks, trigger locks, and lock boxes. There will also be demonstration of the Michigan Injury Data Dashboard at a future Injury Prevention or Education meeting, as results can be used within both groups.

Communications

Objective for Indicator 302.10: 1. By September 2024, the R6 communication committee will develop a plan with the R6 Healthcare Coalition Coordinator and the education committee to ensure there is an education plan that addresses: a. The system communication plan, and b. The

procedures for arranging patient transfers in the event of a communication system failure. 2. By September 2022 there will be a test of communication redundancies for interfacility patient transfers. An after-action report will be presented to the R6 RTN.
Progress: Completed/Ongoing. Members of Region 6 HCC continue to participate in the RTN. RTN members continue to receive email updates from the HCC coordinator. EMResource/Juvare communications are available and widely used for mass notification within the Region.

Infrastructure

Objective for indicator 303.1: 1. RTN leaders will continue to promote collaboration and information sharing through their words and actions including active participation in the RTAC committees and meetings. 2. By December 2024, the RTAC committee will review and update the West Michigan Regional Trauma Destination List (reference document to the WMRMCC Trauma Destination protocol) as appropriate.
Progress: Completed. This indicator has been achieved. Leadership of the RTN and RTAC are present and engaged at the Regional meetings. They demonstrate strong leadership and encourage collaboration among all members and participants.

Regional Performance Improvement

Objective for indicator 302.5: The retrospective medical oversight of the EMS system for trauma triage, communications, treatment, and transport is closely coordinated with the established performance improvement processes of the trauma system.
Progress: Ongoing. The Interfacility Transfer (patient safety project) project continues. The RPSRO reviewed as transfer case with some opportunities for improvement were discussed regarding hardwiring use of the interfacility transfer form and recognizing the form serves as physician orders for the transporting EMS providers. Will continue to follow this as outlined in the annual plan to monitor use and any identified issues.

Continuum of Care

Objective for Indicator 308.1: By December 2024, the R6 RTAC committee will survey R6 hospitals to determine the integration of rehabilitation services for trauma patients. The survey will include

questions on access to physical rehabilitation and mental health resources. The survey will request confirmation from Level I and II centers for their participation in the MTQIP Patient Reported Outcome (PRO) program.
Progress: Completed/Ongoing. The chair reported at the RTAC meeting that there were no current issues. However, as we move forward with integration of Stroke and STEMI in the 2027 plan, a re-evaluation of rehabilitation services within the Region may be necessary.

Trauma Education

Objective for indicator 310.10: SP26: The R6 Education Committee will continue to provide quarterly trauma education in the hour prior to the RTAC meeting. This is an ongoing objective that focuses on meeting the trauma education needs of the Region. • Topic suggestions come though the regional PI process, RPSRO feedback, member organization and stakeholder feedback, and Michigan Information System (MIS) data. • The level of trauma center and urban versus rural centers will be considered. • There is evidence that these needs are addressed in the Region's annual report and are re-assessed annually.
Progress: Ongoing. The Education Committee met in 1st quarter of 2026 with a focus on the new State Trauma Criteria for Level III and IV hospitals. There was also robust discussion and an educational session regarding the Pediatric Readiness update and changes. The session was well attended with good participation. Plans for future meetings for 2026 were discussed and prioritized.

Other relevant information:

In the first quarter of 2026, Region 6 was well represented at the Systems of Care Conference in Muskegon in March.

The region held first quarter RPSRO, RTAC, Education, and Injury Prevention Meetings, all of which were very well attended. April meetings will be cancelled due to conflicts with spring break.

A subgroup was convened in 4th quarter of 2025 to begin work on the 2027-2029 Systems of Care application, which was refined in 1st quarter of 2026. This application will be the first to include Stroke and STEMI within the existing Trauma framework. Updated drafts will be reviewed by the RTAC at a future meeting.

Will continue to encourage all MCAs to participate in the RTN.

Administrative Rule Requirements:

☒Yes ☐ No Quarterly meeting minutes on shared drive.

☐Yes ☒ No All MCA's participating in the RTN.

☒Yes ☐ No Performance improvement ongoing.

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