

MICHIGAN REGIONAL TRAUMA REPORT 1st QUARTER 2026

Region 8

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
Aspirus Iron River	N	Not Designated
Aspirus Ironwood	Y	IV
Aspirus Keweenaw	N	Not Designated
Baraga County Memorial Hospital	Y	IV
Helen Newberry Joy Hospital	Y	IV
Marshfield Medical Dickinson	Y	IV
Munising Memorial Hospital	N	In Process
MyMichigan Sault	Y	IV
OSF St. Francis	Y	IV
Schoolcraft County Memorial Hospital	N	In Process
UPHS Bell	N	In Process
UPHS Marquette	Y	II
UPHS Portage	Y	III

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

Complete sections that have progress within the quarter.

Injury Prevention

SP9: Region 8 throughout this workplan 2024-2026, shall continue to work with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Ride Right committee, which addresses our “other land transport” causes of injury.

SP13: Region 8 will continue established relationships throughout workplan 2024-2026 with the Upper Peninsula Traffic Safety Network, Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition, Region 8 MCA Network, and MDNR Ride Right. By February 2024, the Region 8 Trauma Network will explore involvement in the Upper Peninsula Community Health Needs Assessment process conducted by all the Upper Peninsula local health departments.

Progress: The Regional Trauma Coordinator (RTC) authored the 2025 Region 8 ATV and Side by Side Incident Analysis that will be presented at the April 2026 Ride Right Committee meeting. Reports from biospatial were used to extract 296 EMS electronic patient records from Upper Peninsula EMS agencies where their narratives included side by side or ATV. External cause codes cannot be used because not all EMS agencies have their software set to choose a variety of codes. Additionally, there is no ICD-10 code for side by side types of vehicles to isolate them versus three / four wheelers. The RTC reads each narrative to discover which were true ORV crashes narrowing the number to 96. Thirty (30) EMS agencies were involved with ORV crash responses during the selected timeframe. An infographic was generated for side by side compared to ATV crashes (a vehicle that in Michigan means you straddle it and drive with a handlebar) showing they were almost equal for the April 1 – November 14, 2025 season. May and August were peak months with September closely third. Eighty-three percent (83%) were males and 20% of the crash patients were suspected to be under the influence of alcohol.

Upon an invitation from Systems of Care Division, the RTC attended an introductory session with the Office of Highway Safety Planning on the Safety System Approach. It is anticipated that the UPHS Marquette Injury Preventionist will also be part of this new collaborative. Each participant was requested to describe their collaborations regarding motor vehicle crashes and forward such to the state Systems of Care Manager. Completed. The Safe System Approach was outlined in Region 8’s 3rd quarter 2025 report.

Communications

Objective: Through Dec. 31, 2026, annually, the RTC shall seek revisions and maintain the communications redundancy table for every R8 hospital.

Progress: Update must occur more than annually. Last update February 2026.

Infrastructure

Objective: By September 2024, the RTN shall endorse the state approved trauma protocols.

Progress: Previously completed. Provided presentations and surveys regarding TXA for adults and pediatric patients per inquiry from state Medical Director.

Objective: By December 2024, establish a report from the trauma registry that tracks interfacility transfers in Region 8. This report shall include the following registry fields: incident date, incident county, age, gender, patient home county, primary external cause code, ISS, primary diagnosis, highest activation, transferring facility name, receiving facility name, time of order, time of departure, ED disposition, hospital disposition, transport mode, other transport mode, interfacility transfer, time of arrival receiving facility.

Progress: Defining transfer delays and ensuring that applicable fields are completed is the status of this objective. At the February 2026 RTAC meeting, reviewed the regional trauma transfer guideline for level 1 trauma team activations of 60 and 120 minutes to departure based upon patient condition. Technical assistance rendered to one hospital by the RTC by running CY2025 reports for them on completeness and providing feedback on their gaps and needs.

Regional Performance Improvement

Objective: By Dec. 31, 2026, with ongoing support from the RTC, the RPRSO will review biannual inventories with complimentary information to inform the RPRSO.

Progress: The R8PSRO met in March 2026 and reviewed the January – June 2025 inventory.

Objective: By December 2024, the RTN will author a procedure template for MCAs and hospital trauma programs to adopt that formalizes the relationship between trauma medical directors (TMD) and MCA medical directors. This will include the content to which there should be collaboration, i.e., medical directors and trauma medical directors invited to provide input on MCA PSRO reports that involved trauma care.

Progress: Completed and distributed.

Trauma Education

Objective: The RTN shall continue to use its R8TRAUMA Facebook page to provide trauma education relevant to EMS personnel, nurses, physicians, registrars, injury prevention staff, and community members.

Progress: In this quarter, posts were on the following topics: Ride Right snowmobiles, OHSP Drive Slow on Ice and Snow, National Weather Service cold impacts, Michigan Department of Transportation MI-Drive for road conditions, National Peds Readiness for Emergency Departments, 2025 ORV statistics, Basic Disaster Life Support course, snowmobile safety course, community Stop the Bleed course, winter weather preparedness infographic, and Brain Injury Awareness month.

The RTC also made a podcast that provides an overview of Level IV trauma center criteria and placed that on the FB page.

Other relevant information:

A brainstorming session occurred in January for the RTC to glean ideas before drafting objectives for the 2027-2029 application. The RTAC then had a first read of those objectives at their February meeting. Outreach occurred to Munising Memorial, Schoolcraft Memorial and UPHS Bell on their readiness for their first trauma center visits that are not yet scheduled. Mentorship and technical assistance were also extended to Baraga County Memorial. Marshfield Medical Dickinson requested analysis of their registry entries, which were completed by the RTC. UPHS Portage, a level III trauma center, is scheduled for its first Michigan visit as it transitions from the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma process. The Dickinson County MCA still has a vacancy on the RTN Board. The RTN Board member position for Eastern UP MCA will be filled by the MyMichigan Sault Chief Nursing Officer once the RTN meets. The RTC team presented at the Systems of Care Conference in March and because of weather and bridge closures could not return to the UP for days. On the heels of the conference, the central and eastern Upper Peninsula received an historic blizzard. Partial to full openings of county emergency operations centers and activation for monitoring by the Region 8 Medical Coordination Center. The RTC stayed 24/7 at one emergency operations center from Sunday through Tuesday to staff and provided awareness to the state and R8MCC via the Michigan Critical Incident Management System. A similar incident occurred over the New Year's Eve holiday when the central UP was hit with a snow and ice storm that resulted in power outages for several days. The county EOC was not fully opened. However, the RTC staffed a shelter and provided updates to the R8MCC. Additionally, in January a school bus crash occurred and the RTC was the first medical provider on the scene. An after-action review of the bus crash resulted in a task for Region 8 Trauma to provide education to the HCC on its findings, which was completed. In February, an MCI was declared by a non-EMS fire department because of a winter storm multi-vehicle crash on M-28 in Marquette County. The scene unfolded before their eyes as they were already present at a crash. That incident's after-action report findings were incorporated into the bus crash presentation to HCC and the local fire association.

Administrative Rule Requirements:

- Yes No Quarterly meeting minutes on shared drive.
- Yes No All MCA's participating in the RTN. (Dickinson & EUP vacancies)
- Yes No Performance improvement ongoing.