

NASEMSO Trauma Managers Council

Military Installations

Listserv Question: November 25, 2014

QUESTION:

Has anyone ever been approached to designate a Military Hospital as a trauma center?

State	Response
AK	<p>We verified Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Hospital (673rd MDG) in 2012 as a Level IV trauma center. We used the same process as all Level IV's. The only snafus the hospital has incurred since designation are; the commissioner denied the hospital trauma care funds for 2014 (even though they met all requirements) because they are a federal hospital, and the hospital has not been able to submit to the NTDB because the hospital attorneys did not accept the NTDB's BAA. They are working on a different BAA.</p> <p>Yes, We have designated a military hospital in Alaska as a Level IV . They had to meet the same criteria for designation. They are looking at upgrading as a Level III...per our statute they must pass the ACS-COT verification.</p>
AZ	<p>Although our rules allow, Arizona has not designated a military facility.</p>
IL	<p>No</p>
MD	<p>Yes! National Naval Medical Center (combined Bethesda Naval and Walter Reed) in Bethesda, MD. They reside next door to our Level II Trauma Center. They approached us but we do not have a need for them; they DO NOT have MD designation. They received ACS designation this year...mostly for returning vets from Germany (so they say). They did want us to have MD EMS drive onto the base for a share of all emergency patients...we said no.</p>
MN	<p>We don't have any military hospitals around here. Do you have any Indian Health Service hospitals? Whatever you decide about the federal hospitals may be the same answer for them.</p>
MT	<p>Have not been asked to designate our VA hospital in town. They have an ER, but all trauma goes to the main public hospital. We do have a few tribal hospitals that are designated, although the majority remain undesignated and we have a hard time getting them to even submit registry data. Federal vs. state=difficult!</p>
NC	<p>We have been approached by a couple of our military hospitals in NC. We have no regulatory authority over federal government facilities and therefore are unable to designate them. They have been offered to 'participate' in our trauma system if they would like to submit data and take part in our state meetings etc., but have not done so. They could pursue ACS verification thought, but have not done so.</p>
NY	<p>Not yet</p>
OH	<p>That's one for your lawyers. As a federal installation they are generally immune to state laws. Pick-and-Choose acceptance of state laws could be problematic.</p>
OK	<p>No – but it is an interesting question. We do have military and tribal-owned facilities that participate in regional trauma and emergency preparedness activities voluntarily.</p>

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TX	<p>Yes, Texas does have military hospitals designated as trauma centers and have done so for years.</p> <p>Because our trauma designation is voluntary, if a facility wants to be designated, then they have to meet Texas requirements. San Antonio Military Medical Center (SAMMC) participates as a Level I designated trauma facility and is verified by the ACS; required by Texas designation requirements. Should they fail to be verified, Texas would not designate them. So even though they are a DOD facility, we still have regulatory authority over them for Trauma Designation.</p> <p>They have been excellent partners for the trauma system</p>
WA	<p>Washington State Designates Madigan Army Hospital (level II Trauma Center). Their designation works a little different in that they do not receive trauma grant fund money (state issued money for qualified designated trauma centers to help with under/uncompensated care, etc.) for participating. Madigan does go through the application process and they receive a site review just as every other hospital does.</p>
