

DESIGNATION REQUIREMENTS

Question: How many of you out there require new facilities applying for designation to have an established program for at least a year? Why?

State	Comment
AL	If the hospital meets all the required criteria to function as a trauma center there is no need to delay participation. Yet if there are some validated concerns, we can award a provisional status for 180 days that can be extended if needed.
AK	Must prove an established program for one year minimum before they can apply for verification review.
AR	Requires a new facility to collect data and act as the level of trauma center that they are applying for one year before they can go through a designation.
CO	Colorado does not have any provisional process. They may not ACT the level prior to a review checking to see that all the pieces are in place to BE the level. But the new designation period is only 18 months and requires a full re-review at 14 months after initial designation. Then they get a 3 year designation, assuming they pass the review.
DE	Provisional state designation if moving to higher level of designation. They meet with the state and then must demonstrate that they meet ACS standards for level of designation. They must petition the Director of Public Health for a year provisional designation at that new level. They must have ACS verification within that year. This allows EMS to bring more acute patients to them so they can demonstrate to ACS that they can manage that patient population
IL	If a hospital has met all requirements needed in a submitted trauma plan and after a visit by the Department there is no sense in delaying a designation status.
ME	ACS verification only
MN	level 1 and 2 centers satisfy the ACS's verification process. 3 and 4's are verified by state process and their programs are not required to demonstrate a history of an established program.
NE	"Strongly" encourage facilities to have a trauma consultation with a designation review team prior to applying to designate. This process usually reveals some deficient areas, and we typically recommend that they apply for designation in 3-6 months after they work on the recommendations.
NJ	Must meet the requirements of the ACS COT
NM	Each facility applies for developing status, which can take up to two years. It is required that they have a functioning program for a year prior to a survey being scheduled. Usually the first time they survey designation is for one year with a focus review after the one year period, then a two year designation.
NY	Provisionally designates centers following a review of documentation they are required to submit that mirrors standards found in the green book (proof of institutional commitment, the hiring of a TMD, TPM, registrar, registry software, etc.). One year from the date of the letter provisionally designating them, these facilities are required to have a consultative visit with the ACS. 2 years from the date of the consultative visit report these facilities have to request their verification visit.
ND	North Dakota does not. But this may be due to the fact that all facilities within in the state are currently designated.
OH	First, an ACS Consultation, then a corrective action plan submitted to the State, then schedule a verification within one year. Then they may declare themselves a provisional trauma center and begin to admit/treat trauma patients,. (I am assuming once the verification site visit has been scheduled)
PA	Not a full year, but close. Must start submitting data on July 1 of the year prior to the year of the survey. January 1 of the year of survey they must have all policies in place and operationalize them.
TX	On initial designation a facility must have completed at least six months of audits on all qualifying trauma records with evidence of "loop closure" on identified issues. On re-designation a facility must show continuous PI activities throughout its designation and a rolling current three year period must be available for review at all times.

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VA	Hospitals seeking trauma center designation undergo an initial full site review for the level they have applied for. They must have infrastructure, resources, and policies in place for that level. The first year they are granted "provisional designation" and can fully function at the level they applied for. After one year a focused review occurs and then recommendation for full designation.