



Memorandum #05-08

Date: January 24, 2008

To: SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH

From: Mary Ellen Britt, RN, *Regional Trauma Coordinator* ^{meb}
Rory Chetelat, MA, *EMS Manager/Acting Director, Division of Community Health*
Lawrence Sands, DO, MPH, *Chief Health Officer* ^{LS}

Subject: Request for Approval of Full Authorization of University Medical Center as a Level I Trauma Center and Pediatric Level II Trauma Center

I. BACKGROUND:

In accordance with Clark County Trauma Regulations 300.100 and 300.200 University Medical Center (UMC) submitted applications for renewal of authorization as a Level I Trauma Center and for initial authorization as a Pediatric Level II Trauma Center.

Upon receipt and review of UMC's applications for renewal of authorization as a Level I Trauma Center and initial authorization as a Pediatric Level II Trauma Center, the Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB) and the SNHD Office of Emergency Medical Services & Trauma System (OEMSTS) recommended Board approval based on UMC's willingness to submit trauma data to SNHD and the State Trauma Registry; actively participate in the Regional Trauma Advisory Board and Trauma System Performance Improvement activities; provide standard financial information to assist in the assessment of the financial stability of the trauma system; and comply with all applicable SNHD regulations and State Health Division requirements for authorized and designated centers for the treatment of trauma.

Following Board approval, notice was sent to the State Health Division advising them authorization had been granted. Upon successful completion of the verification process by the American College of Surgeons (ACS), the State Health Division notified SNHD that UMC's applications for designation as a Level I Trauma Center and a Pediatric Level II Trauma Center had been approved.

II. RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the recommendation of the ACS, the Bureau of Licensure and Certification staff and the authority provided in the Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 449.087, the State Health

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Division approved University Medical Center's applications for renewal of designation as a Level I Trauma Center and initial designation as a Pediatric Level II Trauma Center.

The Office of Emergency Medical Services & Trauma System (OEMSTS) recommends the Board approve University Medical Center (UMC) for full authorization as a Level I Trauma Center and Pediatric Level II Trauma Center.

III. CONDITIONS:

UMC must show that it continues to meet the requirements of the Trauma Regulations, as well as demonstrate its capacity, capability and commitment to provide trauma services and to contribute to the current and future needs of the trauma system.

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Attachments:

- A. Trauma Regulations Section 300.100 & Section 300.200
- B. 7-26-07 letter from SNHD to Nevada State Health Division
- C. 8-23-07 letter from SNHD to Nevada State Health Division
- D. 11-30-07 letter from ACS Committee on Trauma to the Verification Review Committee
- E. 12-26-07 letter from Nevada State Health Division to UMC
- F. 12-26-07 letter from Nevada State Health Division to UMC

SECTION 300
CENTER FOR THE TREATMENT OF TRAUMA
AUTHORIZATION PROCESS

300.000 PROCESS FOR AUTHORIZATION. Any hospital that desires Designation as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma in Clark County shall first request Authorization from the Board.

- I. The Board shall determine the needs of the Clark County trauma system based on evidence obtained through continuous evaluation of the system assessing the volume, acuity and geographic distribution of patients requiring trauma care and the location, depth and utilization of trauma resources in the system. The accepted standards for trauma Transport, treatment and referral established by the Board shall be based on those recommended by the ACS. All Level I, II and III Centers for the Treatment of Trauma in Clark County must be verified by ACS at the appropriate level.
- II. There are two options for hospitals to apply for Authorization as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma utilizing the District Procedure for Authorization as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma:
 - A. If a need is identified, the Board shall publish a request for proposal for the addition of a Center for the Treatment of Trauma or for a change in level of Authorization for an existing Center for the Treatment of Trauma; or
 - B. A hospital may submit an application for Authorization as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma, at any time.
- III. If a demonstrated need in the system exists and the hospital meets the requirements defined in the District Procedure for Authorization as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma the Board may grant provisional Authorization.
- IV. A hospital shall be authorized as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma according to a graduated process wherein initial Authorization shall be granted at Level III only.
- V. Upon successful completion of the Designation process outlined in NAC 450B.818 – 450B.826, including ACS Verification, the Board shall grant full Authorization as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma.
- VI. After gaining sufficient trauma care experience to allow a center to demonstrate institutional competence and commitment, as determined by the Board, the hospital may apply for Authorization as a Level I or Level II center utilizing the District Procedure for Authorization as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma.

300.100 PROCESS FOR ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR AUTHORIZATION. In order for the Board to consider issuing a letter of Authorization to a hospital requesting approval from the Board to be considered for Designation by the State Health Division as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma in Clark County the following steps must be taken:

- I. Completion of an application for Authorization as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma which includes a written agreement between the hospital and the Board which addresses:
 - A. The roles and responsibilities of an authorized and designated Center for the Treatment of Trauma; and
 - B. The hospital's willingness to comply with the graduated process defined in these Regulations and in the District Procedure for Authorization as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma.

- II. Payment of appropriate fee as prescribed by the Board.
- III. Upon receipt and review of the application for Authorization as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma, the OEMSTS staff will make a recommendation to the Board to approve or deny the application for provisional Authorization, based on the criteria outlined in the District Procedure for Authorization as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma.
- IV. Upon receipt of provisional Authorization the applicant may apply to the State Health Division for Designation.
- V. Upon successful completion of the State Health Division's Designation process as outlined in NAC 450B.818 – 450B.826, including Verification by the ACS; and review of the applicant's compliance with the criteria listed in the District Procedure for Authorization as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma, the OEMSTS will make a recommendation to the Board to approve or deny full Authorization.
- VI. Upon receipt of written notification of full Authorization by the Board, the State Health Division will issue written notification of full Designation as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma at the level verified by the ACS.

300.200 PROCESS FOR ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF AUTHORIZATION. Any hospital that desires renewal of Designation as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma in Clark County shall first request renewal of Authorization from the Board.

- I. In order for the Board to consider issuing a letter of Authorization to a hospital requesting approval from the Board to be considered for renewal of their Designation by the State Health Division as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma the following steps must be taken:
 - A. Completion of an application as defined in the District Procedure for Renewal of Authorization as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma;
 - B. Payment of appropriate fee as prescribed by the Board.
- II. Upon receipt and review of the application for renewal of Authorization as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma, the OEMSTS staff will make a recommendation to the Board to approve or deny the application based on the criteria outlined in the District Procedure for Renewal of Authorization as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma.
- III. Upon receipt of renewal of Authorization the applicant may apply to the State Health Division for renewal of their Designation.
- IV. Upon successful completion of the State Health Division's renewal of Designation process as outlined in NAC 450B.8205, including renewal of Verification by the ACS; the State Health Division will issue written notification of Designation as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma at the level verified by the ACS.



July 26, 2007

Alex Haartz, MPH, Administrator
 Department of Human Resources
 Health Division
 4150 Technology Way, Room 300
 Carson City, NV 89706

Dear Mr. Haartz:

In accordance with NRS 450B.237 and the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) Trauma Regulations which require that a hospital in Clark County requesting trauma center designation by the State Health Division first obtain authorization from the District Board of Health, the Board considered and unanimously approved the application of University Medical Center (UMC) to be authorized to continue to operate as a Level I trauma center at the July 26, 2007 meeting. Prior to the presentation to the Board, the application was reviewed by the Office of Emergency Medical Services & Trauma System (OEMSTS) staff and it was also presented to the Regional Trauma Advisory Board on June 20, 2007 where it was unanimously approved.

OEMSTS staff recommended approval of UMC's application for authorization as a Level I trauma center based on their demonstrated commitment to continue to provide trauma services in the community; their active participation in the Regional Trauma Advisory Board, Trauma Medical Audit Committee and other performance improvement activities; their involvement in many injury prevention initiatives; and their compliance with the requirements outlined in the Trauma Regulations.

If you have any questions, please call Mary Ellen Britt, Regional Trauma Coordinator, at 702-759-1055.

Sincerely,

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Lawrence Sands, DO, MPH
 Chief Health Officer

cc: Lisa Jones, Chief, Bureau of Licensure and Certification
 Michael J. Willden, Director, Department of Health & Human Services
 Kathy Silver, Acting Chief Executive Officer, University Medical Center
 Steve Kirk, Chair, Board of Health



August 23, 2007

Alex Haartz, MPH, Administrator
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4150 Technology Way, Room 300
Carson City, NV 89706

Dear Mr. Haartz:

In accordance with NRS 450B.237 and the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) Trauma Regulations which require that a hospital in Clark County requesting trauma center designation by the State Health Division first obtain authorization from the District Board of Health, the Board considered and unanimously approved the application of University Medical Center (UMC) to be authorized to pursue designation to operate as a Pediatric Level II trauma center at the August 23, 2007 meeting. Prior to the presentation to the Board, the application was reviewed by the Office of Emergency Medical Services & Trauma System (OEMSTS) staff and it was also presented to the Regional Trauma Advisory Board on July 18, 2007 where it was unanimously approved.

OEMSTS staff recommended approval of UMC's application for initial authorization as a Pediatric Level II trauma center based on the content of their application; demonstrated commitment to continue to provide trauma services in the community, including the pediatric population; their active participation in the Regional Trauma Advisory Board, Trauma Medical Audit Committee and other performance improvement activities; their involvement in many injury prevention initiatives; and their compliance with the requirements outlined in the Trauma Regulations.

If you have any questions, please call Mary Ellen Britt, Regional Trauma Coordinator, at 702-759-1055.

Sincerely,

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Steve Kirk, Chair, Board of Health

American College of Surgeons

COMMITTEE
ON TRAUMA
Verification/Consultation Program for Hospitals



November 30, 2007

Kathy Silver
Interim Chief Executive Officer
University Medical Center of Southern Nevada
1800 West Charleston Blvd
Las Vegas, NV 89102

Dear Ms. Silver:

The entire Verification Review Committee, a subcommittee of the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons, has very carefully reviewed the enclosed Level I Trauma Center and the Level II Pediatric Trauma Center reverification reports written by Drs. Mitchell III, Letton and Melton for the site visit conducted on October 29 and 30, 2007. The Committee on Trauma would like to extend **its congratulations to the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada on your verification as a Level I Trauma Center and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center.** We commend University Medical Center of Southern Nevada for its demonstrated commitment to provide superior trauma care.

The Committee on Trauma's Certificate of Verification will arrive under separate cover within the next several weeks. Included with the certificate will be a press kit to help the hospital with its advertising.

Congratulations on your verification! Thank you for your continued participation and support of the Consultation/Verification Program of the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons. As always, we will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Frank L. Mitchell, III, MD, MHA, FACS
Chair, Verification Review Committee

cc: John Fildes, MD FACS
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December 26, 2007


Kathy Silver, Interim CEO
University Medical Center of Southern Nevada
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Dear Ms. Silver:

Based on the recommendation of the American College of Surgeon and the Bureau of Licensure and Certification staff and the authority provided in the Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 449.087, your application for renewal of your facility's designation as a Level I trauma center is approved. The approval is effective November 30, 2007 until November 30, 2010. A revised facility license is forthcoming.

I would like to congratulate you and your staff.

Sincerely,


Alex Haartz, MPH
Administrator

Cc: Dianne Cornwall, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
Lawrence Sands, DO, MPH, Chief Health Officer, Clark County Health District
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Dear Ms. Silver:

Based on the recommendation of the American College of Surgeons and the Bureau of Licensure and Certification staff and the authority provided in the Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 449.087, your application for initial designation as a Pediatric Level II trauma center is approved. The approval is effective November 30, 2007 until November 30, 2010. A revised facility license is forthcoming.

I would like to congratulate you and your staff.

Sincerely,

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