



Oklahoma State Department of Health
Creating a State of Health

July 25, 2014

Re: Special Disbursement for Trauma Care Assistance Revolving Fund

Dear Director:

This is to inform you of two special disbursements made from the Trauma Care Assistance Revolving Fund (Trauma Fund) prior to June 30, 2014. These special disbursements were based on eligible claims from January through December of 2012 and will not require an additional application submission.

The special disbursements were made to mitigate the impacts of anticipated reductions in trauma disbursements in SFY 2015 due to a cash transfer of \$5 million from the Trauma Fund into the Special Cash Fund of the State Treasury. This transfer was authorized by the Legislature in the General Appropriation Bill (Senate Bill 2127) without consultation from the State Department of Health (OSDH) effective July 1, 2014.

In addition to the special disbursements, the OSDH has taken added steps to help support the trauma system in Oklahoma in SFY 2015. Specifically, the OSDH has passed on funding reductions to other entities and programs and has proposed to modify the current disbursement process from semiannually to monthly. The proposed modification will not require additional applications on the part of you or your healthcare facility.

The following is a summary of the timeline and projected fund disbursement availability:

- Additional disbursement June 2014 - Amount available from SFY 2013 = \$4,185,840
- Additional disbursement June 2014 - Amount available from SFY 2014 = \$4,165,835
- Semi-Annual Disbursement September 2014 = \$3,954,000 (*includes payments for physicians*)
- Proposed monthly disbursements of approximately \$1.8 million beginning October 2014
- Total annual Trauma Fund disbursements for SFY 2015 are anticipated to be reduced by 10% -11% based on anticipated monthly deposits into the Trauma Fund

Additional information is available at <http://www.ok.gov/health2/documents/2014%20Special%20Disbursement%20FAQs.pdf>.

We look forward to working with you in the coming year to educate policy-makers on the importance of the Trauma Care Assistance Revolving Fund and the trauma system that has been developed and managed over the last 15 years to ensure critically-injured Oklahomans receive necessary life-saving care. If you have questions or need additional information regarding the special disbursement, please contact Mr. Lee Martin or Ms. Grace Pelley at (405) 271-6576.

Sincerely,

Terry Cline, Ph. D.

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