

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

TRAUMA CARE ASSISTANCE REVOLVING FUND 310:669 [AMENDED]

Before the Oklahoma State Board of Health April 9, 2009

1. **DESCRIPTION:** The purpose of the proposed amendment is to delete the language specifying the manner that distribution calculations of the pro rata share are computed to ensure that smaller, primarily rural, distribution entities are not excluded in participation of the fund. The analysis conducted upon the release of the final report by the OSDH Internal Auditing Division on April 9, 2009 revealed that if the rule language at 310:669-1-3 is strictly interpreted, all licensed ground ambulance services in the state of Oklahoma, with the exception of two urban and one rural services, would be excluded from participation in the fund and many rural hospitals would also be excluded. Removal of this restrictive language is critical to the successful application of the Trauma Care Assistance Revolving Fund to develop and support a sustainable trauma system in Oklahoma.
2. **CLASSES OF PERSONS AFFECTED:** Affected persons will be disbursement entities (hospitals, physicians, emergency medical service agencies) submitting a claim for disbursement from the Trauma Care Assistance Revolving Fund.
3. **CLASSES OF PERSONS BENEFITED:** Persons benefited will be disbursement entities (hospitals, physicians, emergency medical service agencies) submitting a claim for disbursement from the Trauma Care Assistance Revolving Fund.
4. **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** The rule requires no additional fees. The impact on the affected class of persons will be minimal or no impact.
5. **COST:** The cost to the Department to implement the rule will be less than \$500 for publishing, distributing, and training of personnel.
6. **IMPACT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:** This rule will have no economic impact on any governmental entity, and it will not require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing this rule.

7. **ADVERSE EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS:** The changes should have no adverse effects on small business.
8. **LESS COSTLY METHODS:** No less costly method has been identified.
9. **SIGNIFICANT RISK:** The analysis conducted upon the release of the final report by the OSDH Internal Auditing Division on April 9, 2009 revealed that if the rule language at 310:669-1-3 is strictly interpreted, all licensed ground ambulance services in the state of Oklahoma, with the exception of two urban and one rural services, would be excluded from participation in the fund and many rural hospitals would also be excluded. Removal of this restrictive language is critical to the successful application of the Trauma Care Assistance Revolving Fund to develop and support a sustainable trauma system in Oklahoma.
10. **DETRIMENTAL EFFECT:** If the proposed rule is not implemented, there will likely be a significant disincentive for smaller, mostly rural hospitals and ambulance services to engage and participate in the state's developing trauma system.
11. **This rule impact statement was prepared on April 9, 2009.**