



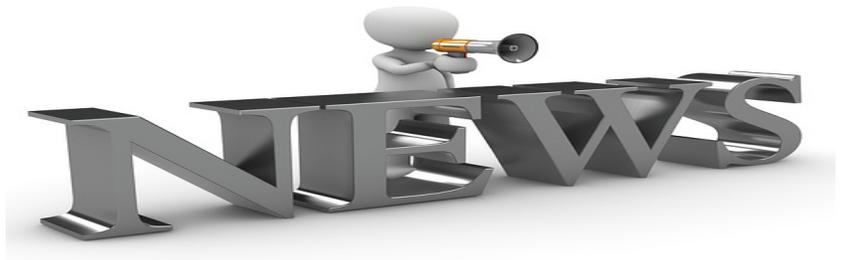
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**Advocacy**

**Dr. Burgess and Representatives Green, Hudson and Rush Introduce Trauma Funding Request Letter**

The House approved both the "Trauma Systems and Regionalization of Emergency Care Reauthorization Act (HR 648)" and "The Access to Life-Saving Trauma Care for All Americans Act" (HR 647) last year. These programs are reauthorized through 2020 and would provide grants to prevent further trauma center closures and address shortfalls in trauma services and improve access to and the availability of trauma care in underserved areas. Additionally, Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) introduced S. 763, the "Trauma Systems and Regionalization of Emergency Care Reauthorization Act."

We anticipate Senate legislation on trauma center programs shortly and continue to work with our Senate champions to ensure such legislation is enacted.

In order to see any future funding, the programs must be reauthorized so the House and Senate Appropriations Committee can choose to fund the programs during the appropriations process. Accordingly, TCAA and our advocacy partners worked with Dr. Burgess (R-TX) and Reps. Green (R-TX), Hudson (R-NC), and Rush (D-IL) to craft and circulate a Dear Colleague letter requesting funding for all four of the Trauma and Emergency Care Programs. More specifically, the letter calls for Congress to include \$28 million of implementation funding in the FY 2017 Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act. While the total authorized level of funding for all of these programs is \$224 million, given the continuing and very challenging fiscal environment on Capitol Hill, we are requesting a \$28 million level of funding. [Please see the letter here.](#)

Additionally, TCAA and our advocacy partners have asked their members to undertake grassroots advocacy to secure essential implementation funding for our trauma programs. TCAA members should reach out to their Members of Congress to request funding for our programs and that Members sign-on to the Dear Colleague letter in the House by March 17. The request should be made of all offices. For more information on this effort, talking points and Hill staff contact information, please visit <http://www.traumacenters.org/?page=UrgingCongress>.



## Operations

### Latest Ask Traumacare

- Most recent: [Trauma Center Populations](#) 1/11/16
- NOW: Specialty Services Response to Trauma Activations – survey closed
- NEXT: How are trauma centers meeting education requirements?

### Committee news

- Education and Annual Meeting Committee is busy planning topics for this year's [annual conference](#) as well as developing Webinar topics. Call for [Exemplars](#).
- Injury Prevention Committee is finalizing a calendar of IP activities that will be available to TCAA members; Senior Falls is the major focus of this committee. They have been in collaboration with the CDC and CMS on joining resources to collect data.
- Disaster Preparedness Committee is focusing on how to assist trauma programs with integration into the hospital's disaster preparedness and planning. They are also planning a TCAA webinar on the ACS Chapter 20 requirements.
- Member Services Committee is assisting TCAA with development of a marketing plan and enhancing member benefits.
- Pediatric Trauma Center Committee will be focusing on developing services and products to enhance the unique needs of pediatric trauma centers.
- Reimbursement Committee is reviewing proposed study topics for 2016 as well as a new TCAA service to be announced soon!
- Systems Committee will be focusing on State systems and their unique needs.



## Finance

### New Membership Invoicing Schedule

Trauma Center Association of America (TCAA) is updating our invoicing procedure effective April, 2016. TCAA is moving to a January to December calendar year fee schedule. We feel this dues schedule will help streamline our accounting process and provide a better system of organization for our members. We will be pro-rating your 2016 membership dues accordingly. Please review your invoice and contact us with any questions at 704-360-4665.



## Upcoming Educational Opportunities

### Webinars

- Now available on the website: [Open Forum with ACS on Chapters 6-9 & 11](#)
- Available soon on the website: Open Forum with ACS on Chapters 15 & 16
- Coming Soon: Pediatric Non-Accidental Trauma presented by Dr. Mauricio “Tony” Escobar, Pediatric Surgery Medical Director, Pediatric Trauma Medical Director, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital & Health Center, Tacoma, WA

### Conferences

- [TCAA 19th Annual Trauma Conference](#)
- [STN 2016 Annual Conference](#)
- [Templeton Pediatric Trauma Symposium](#)



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#### TCAA News

- 2/15/2016  
What's Ahead for Enrollment Revalidation?
- 2/11/2016  
Eyes on Washington: Federal Health Care Grant Notification Service



**Courses include:**

- Finance & Business ~ October 3rd
- Trauma Medical Director ~ October 6th - 7th
- Trauma Center Leadership ~ October 6th - 7th
- TOPIC (STN) ~ October 3rd
- Injury Prevention and Registrar (ATS) ~ October 2nd - 4th
- Annual Meeting ~ October 4th - 5th

**Registration will open in May!**



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