



Trauma Update

June 20, 2014

- DOH Trauma Center Allocation Rule Challenge: The DOAH Judge's ruled in favor of DOH finding the proposed Trauma Allocation Rule valid. A copy of the DOAH Judges ruling is attached for review. The parties to the challenge have the option of filing an appeal within 30 days of the ruling.
- HCA Blake Medical Center and Regional Medical Center of Bayonet Point DOAH hearings: The DOAH hearing regarding Blake Medical Center previously scheduled to start in July has been rescheduled to start September 5, 2014. The hearing regarding Bayonet Point also, previously scheduled for July has been rescheduled for September 29. The rescheduling of the hearings was in part due to the availability of Steve Ecenia, HCA's lead trauma litigation attorney.
- HCA's Osceola Regional Medical Center's Waiver of Trauma Standards Request: DOH has denied Osceola's request for waiver of Trauma Standards. The denial states Osceola (the petitioner) does not demonstrate that the underlying purpose of the statute would be achieved by other means or that Osceola would be substantially harmed. Osceola submitted a trauma center application in the 2014 approval cycle and made the request pursuant to its application.
- Approval/Denial of 2014 Trauma Center Applications: DOH is operating without a valid Trauma Center Allocation Rule and therefore is unable to approve or deny the 2014 Trauma Center Applications. DOH has provided mixed messages regarding how the 2014 applications will be handled should the DOAH Judge find the proposed rule valid.