



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

April 2010

FY 2010 Trauma Commission Budget-to-date Report (09April2010)

Jim Pettyjohn and Curtis Chronister to present. Report attached.

2008 Georgia Trauma Center Economic Analysis Initial Draft Results (Completed in March 2010)

Greg Bishop to present. Draft report attached.

“Super Speeder Law” (HB 160) Revenue Generation Specifics

I’ve received a few inquiries re estimated revenue from HB 160. The following is a short synopsis of revenue generation for HB 160. “Super Speeder” is just one small part of the law.

Super Speeder

Effective 01 January 2010:

“In addition to any other fines or penalties imposed by any local jurisdiction or the department, the department shall administer and collect a fee of \$200.00 from any driver who is convicted of driving at a speed of 85 miles per hour or more on any road or highway or 75 miles per hour or more on any two-lane road or highway, as defined in Code Section 40-6-187. Such a driver, upon conviction, shall be classified as a 'super speeder.'” “ ..._All fees collected under the provisions of this Code section shall be deposited in the general fund of this state with the intent that these moneys be used to fund a trauma care system in Georgia and the direct and indirect costs associated with the administration of this Code section.”

Original revenue estimate ~ \$5.5M annually (will have revenue numbers to date by Commission meeting).

Increased license reinstatement fees and other fines:

Effective 01 July 2009

Driver’s license reinstatement fees moved from flat \$210 fee to tiered fees based on number of offenses (1st=\$210, 2nd=\$310, 3rd=\$410)

Miscellaneous other fines increased

Original revenue estimate ~ \$17.5M annually (will have revenue numbers to date).

SB 502:

Would eliminate per diems for non-elected members of state authorities, boards, commissions, or councils and replace with reimbursement for actual transportation costs or legal mileage rate.

Bill passed by Senate and is in House for consideration. SB 502 is attached.

2008 GEORGIA TRAUMA CENTER ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT

This assessment was conducted on Georgia hospital discharge data and information provided by trauma centers on 2008 patients meeting Georgia trauma registry criteria. It addresses only trauma centers, and trauma physician costs by extrapolation from hospital costs. All specific hospital data is confidential and is reported on a consolidated basis. This is the 3rd year of similar assessments, so comparative results are provided.

Trauma Center Volume and Severity

Admitted Patients

The table below indicates the breakdown of admitted patients treated in 2008 in Georgia trauma centers by injury severity score (ISS) and comparative 2006-7 data.

Georgia Admitted Trauma Center Patients 2008

Injury Severity	Pts	%	2007	%	2006	%
ISS 0-8 Minor	4,057	37%	3,425	31%	4132	36%
ISS 9-14 Moderate	4,133	38%	3,972	36%	3816	34%
ISS 15-24 Major	1,800	16%	2,158	20%	2016	18%
ISS >24 Severe	993	9%	1,410	13%	1354	12%
Totals	10,983	100%	10,965	100%	11,318	100%

The average patient volume was 1,564 for Georgia's Level I trauma centers, and 521 for Level II trauma centers. The total number of admitted patients with an ISS above 15 (major/severe injuries) was 2,733, or 25% of the total, in comparison to 3,568 (33%) in 2007 and 3,370 (30%) in 2006. This overall decline in high severity patients reflects changes in ISS scoring during this period, as well as the experience of trauma centers nationally.

Non-Admitted Patients

For CY 2008, information on non-admitted patients was also requested from Georgia trauma centers and is summarized in the table below.

Georgia Admitted Trauma Center Patients 2008

Type Non Admit	All Trauma Centers	Treatment Cost	Average Cost
DOA	22	\$44,570	\$2,026
ED Deaths	233	\$1,140,866	\$4,896
OR Deaths	51	\$555,755	\$10,897
ED Transfers Out	320	\$2,159,483	\$6,748
Transfers In & ED Discharge	403	\$745,271	\$1,849
Totals	1,027	\$4,916,568	\$4,787

The total of 1,027 patients adds 9.3% to overall volume, and the cost of \$4.9 million adds 2.1% to \$234.5 million in patient treatment costs.

Trauma Center Patient Treatment Costs By Payer Class

The table below indicates fully allocated treatment costs for admitted trauma patients under each payer class:

Trauma Center Treatment Costs by Payer Class

Payer Class	CY 2008 Costs	Payer Mix	CY 2007 Costs	CY 2006 Costs
Private Insurance	97,185,231	39%	\$84,758,174	\$86,991,732
Other	23,214,860	5%	\$11,103,058	\$14,604,157
Medicare	28,140,570	10%	\$22,452,714	\$25,707,732
Medicaid	46,747,856	19%	\$41,491,140	\$37,181,827
Uninsured	42,578,211	27%	\$59,529,585	\$56,199,126
Total	\$237,866,728	100%	\$219,334,671	\$220,684,574

Georgia's 39% trauma center proportion of privately insured patients in relation to the 51% national norm is low, and is offset by a higher proportion of uninsured/underinsured patients. Total costs in 2008 were 8.5% higher than in 2007, with about the same number of patients. The application of the "other" category was inconsistent over previous years in that some poorly insured patients were included in 2008 that resulted in a corresponding decrease in uninsured patient costs; there is no evidence that actual uninsured patient costs decreased in 2008.

Trauma Center Readiness Costs

Trauma centers incur substantial costs over and above patient treatment costs that are not normally allocated to trauma patient care by hospital cost allocation formulas. These extraordinary "readiness costs" would be eliminated if the trauma center were to close.

The GTCNC's Trauma Care Economic Subcommittee developed a new methodology to assess such costs based upon previous trauma center readiness cost surveys in Georgia and Florida, and using the American College of Surgeon's standards for trauma centers. The summarized results of the survey are as follows:

Readiness Cost Category	LI Total	LI Average	LII Total	LII Average	New, LIII & LIV Totals	Georgia Totals
Administrative	2,431,530	607,883	3,339,644	371,072	265,625	\$6,036,799
Medical Staff	18,003,208	4,500,802	12,836,008	1,426,223	1,204,120	32,043,336
In House OR	1,744,231	436,058	2,284,553	253,839	405,646	4,434,430
Education/Outreach	222,518	55,630	1,437,046	159,672	117,499	1,777,063
Georgia Totals	\$22,401,487	\$5,600,372	\$19,897,251	\$1,992,890	\$1,992,890	\$44,291,628

The CY 2008 results total \$44.3 million, compared to \$46.3 million in CY 2007, and \$44.0 million in CY 2006.

2008 Revenue & Total Costs By Payer Class

The table below incorporates total trauma center costs (including readiness costs) allocated by payer, revenue produced by each payer source, the cost recovery rate (CRR), or revenue divided by costs, and the percentage of overall loss contributed by each payer class.

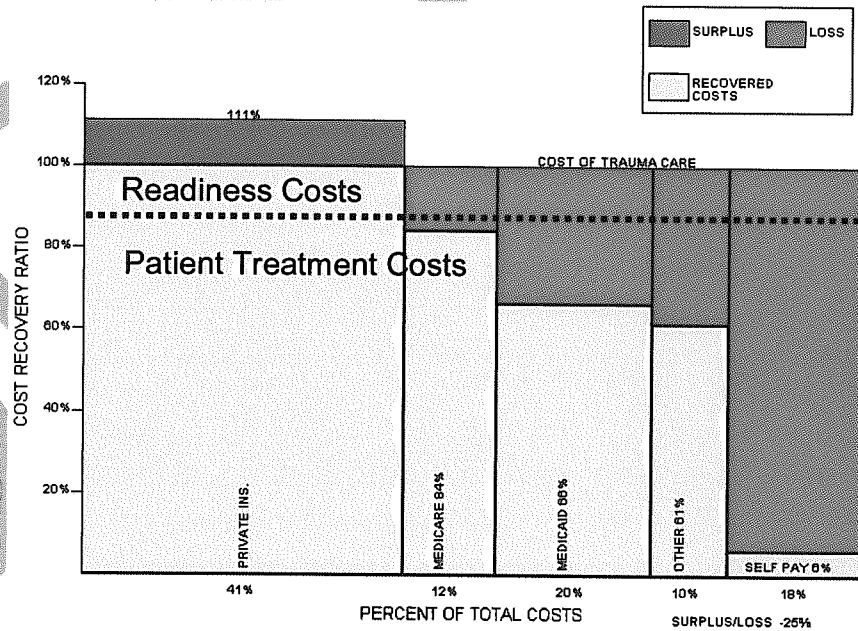
Trauma Center Revenue by Payer Class

Payer Class	Total Costs	Revenue	Surplus /Loss	CRR %	Overall Contri.
Private Ins.	\$115,281,466	\$128,194,547	\$12,913,081	111%	4.6%
Other	\$27,537,549	\$16,873,772	-\$10,663,777	61%	-3.8%
Medicare	\$33,380,444	\$28,111,038	-\$5,269,406	84%	-1.9%
Medicaid	\$55,452,473	\$36,752,712	-\$18,699,761	66%	-6.6%
Uninsured	\$50,506,425	\$3,079,352	-\$47,427,073	6%	-16.8%
Total	\$282,158,356	\$213,011,421	-\$69,146,936	75.5%	-24.5%

Readiness costs were allocated proportionally to treatment costs and together total \$282.2 million. Patient revenue was \$213,011,421, leaving a loss (before state funding is considered) of \$69.1 million. The uninsured class contributed 16.8% of the 24.5% overall loss, while the privately insured contributed a surplus of 4.6%.

The reimbursement profile on the right depicts the above table in graphic form. The width of each column reflects the proportion of full costs incurred by patients in each payer class, and the height of each column reflects the proportion of total costs covered by each payer class.

The green area represents a surplus generated by a payer class; the red area represents a loss, and the yellow area represents recovered costs. Readiness and patient treatment costs are also indicated.



This makes it clear that most of the loss on trauma care in Georgia (red) is generated by uninsured patients, although Medicaid and Medicare do not pay the full proportion of readiness costs. Medicare is currently experimenting with payments for such costs.

2008 Total Financial Loss for Georgia's Trauma Centers

The table below presents the overall financial performance of Georgia's trauma centers in CY 2008 as compared to CY 2007 & 2006.

Georgia Trauma Centers	CY 2008	CY 2007	CY 2006
Patient Care Revenue	\$213,011,421	\$201,052,174	\$193,999,255
Direct Patient Treatment Costs	\$159,370,708	\$146,954,230	\$147,858,665
Indirect Patient Treatment Costs	\$78,496,020	\$72,380,441	\$72,825,909
Trauma Patient Treatment Costs	\$237,866,728	\$219,334,671	\$220,684,574
Readiness Costs	\$44,291,628	\$46,284,440	\$44,063,224
Total Trauma Patient Costs	\$282,158,356	\$265,619,111	\$264,747,798
Loss on Trauma Care	-\$69,146,935	-\$64,566,937	-\$70,748,543
State Funding	\$47,041,166		
Remaining Loss	-\$22,105,769	-\$64,566,937	-\$70,748,543

In CY 2008, with revenue of \$213 million, total costs of \$282.2 million, and a payer mix with 56% of patients either uninsured or underinsured, Georgia trauma centers experienced a combined financial loss on trauma care of \$69.1 million. In 2008, state funding of trauma centers began and reduced the loss on trauma care from a 2006-2008 average of \$68.2 million to \$22.1 million.

Trauma Center Physician Costs

In addition to the \$237 million in hospital costs for trauma patient treatment, there are also substantial costs for treatment by trauma specialists such as trauma surgery, orthopedic surgery, neurosurgery and plastic surgery, including hospital based physicians such as emergency medicine, anesthesiology and radiology, and other specialists such as urology, ophthalmology and infectious disease.

Using Medicare rates as an estimate for physician costs, previous assessments by B+A indicate that trauma center physician costs are estimated at 30% to 40% of patient treatment costs incurred by trauma hospitals. Using a 35% estimate, the result would be an additional \$83 million in trauma patient treatment costs for physician care.

Total Acute Trauma Care Costs

Total trauma care costs, or those incurred in the acute care phase of trauma patient care, are estimated as follows:

Trauma Center Treatment Costs	\$237,866,728
Trauma Center Readiness Costs	\$44,291,628
Trauma Center Physician Costs	<u>\$83,253,352</u>
Total Acute Trauma Center Costs	\$ 365,411,708

This does not include costs for care of the seriously injured who do not reach trauma centers, pre-hospital care, rehabilitation and burn care, and out-of-state treatment.

Section 1 - Trauma Registry and Patient Costs

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ISS Category-# of Patients	Subtotal Level I's	Average Level I's	Subtotal Level II's	Average Level II's	L 4 Totals	All TC Totals
0-4	1194	299	1488	165	17	2,699
5-8	784	196	571	63	3	1,358
9	1134	284	975	108	13	2,122
10-15	1285	321	723	80	3	2,011
16-24	1167	292	629	70	4	1,800
>24	692	173	301	33	-	993
Totals	6256	1,564	4687	521	40	10,983

ISS Category-Total Costs	Subtotal Level I's	Average Level I's	Subtotal Level II's	Average Level II's	L 4 Totals	All TC Totals
0-4	13,795,616	3,448,904	14,530,029	1,614,448	180,198	28,505,843
5-8	9,713,563	2,428,391	7,103,800	789,311	16,254	16,833,617
9	21,911,314	5,477,829	14,168,520	1,574,280	143,373	36,223,207
10-15	25,361,087	6,340,272	15,483,714	1,720,413	16,389	40,861,190
16-24	39,290,870	9,822,718	20,740,604	2,304,512	31,815	60,063,289
>24	36,748,704	9,187,176	15,244,463	1,693,829	-	51,993,167
Totals	146,821,154	36,705,289	87,271,130	9,696,792	388,029	234,480,313

ISS Category-Total Hospital Days	Subtotal Level I's	Average Level I's	Subtotal Level II's	Average Level II's	L 4 Totals	All TC Totals
0-4	5,885	1,471	5,954	662	80	11,919
5-8	3,833	958	2,975	331	6	6,814
9	9,141	2,285	5,475	608	61	14,677
10-15	10,156	2,539	5,853	650	9	16,018
16-24	15,363	3,841	7,272	808	23	22,658
>24	13,175	3,294	4,692	521	-	17,867
Totals	57,553	14,388	32,221	3,580	179	89,953

ISS Category-Total ICU Days	Subtotal Level I's	Average Level I's	Subtotal Level II's	Average Level II's	L 4 Totals	All TC Totals
0-4	435	109	1,059	118	-	1,494
5-8	359	90	754	84	-	1,113
9	1,362	341	1,719	191	7	3,088
10-15	1,907	477	2,473	275	-	4,380
16-24	4,687	1,172	3,855	428	1	8,543
>24	5,274	1,319	3,328	370	-	8,602
Totals	14,024	3,506	13,188	1,465	8	27,220

Section 1 - Trauma Registry & Non-Admitted Patients

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Patient Category-Total # of Pts.	Level I Total	Level 1 Average	Level II Total	Level II Average	L 4 TC	All TC Total
DOA	18	4.5	2	0.2	2	22
ED Deaths	156	39.0	77	8.6		233
OR Deaths	37	9.3	14	1.6		51
ED Tsf Out	93	23.3	172	19.1	55	320
Tsf In/ED D/C	88	22.0	312	34.7	3	403
Totals	392	98.0	575	63.9	60	1,027

Patient Category-# of Pts.

ISS 0-4

DOA			1	0.1		1
ED Deaths	17	4.3	11	1.2		28
OR Deaths						0
ED Tsf Out	33	8.3	101	11.2	27	161
Tsf In/ED D/C	49	12.3	275	30.6	3	327
Totals	99	24.8	388	43.1	30	517

Patient Category-# of Pts.

ISS 5-8

DOA	1					1
ED Deaths	1		2	0.2		3
OR Deaths	1					1
ED Tsf Out	28	7.0	20	2.2	10	58
Tsf In/ED D/C	19	4.8	19	2.1		38
Totals	50	12.5	41	4.6	10	101

Patient Category-# of Pts.

ISS 9

DOA	3	0.8				3
ED Deaths	24	6.0	11	1.2		35
OR Deaths	1	0.3	1	0.1		2
ED Tsf Out	10	2.5	29	3.2	5	44
Tsf In/ED D/C	7	1.8	12	1.3		19
Totals	45	11.3	53	5.9	5	103

Patient Category-# of Pts.

ISS 10-15

DOA	3	0.8				3
ED Deaths	16	4.0	11	1.2		27
OR Deaths	1	0.3	1	0.1		2
ED Tsf Out	15	3.8	18	2.0	5	38
Tsf In/ED D/C	7	1.8	3	0.3		10
Totals	42	10.5	33	3.7	5	80

Patient Category-# of Pts.**ISS 16-24**

DOA	8	2.0			1	9
ED Deaths	30	7.5	16	1.8		46
OR Deaths	13	3.3	3	0.3		16
ED Tsf Out	6	1.5	2	0.2	5	13
Tsf In/ED D/C	5	1.3	3	0.3		8
Totals	62	15.5	24	2.7	6	92

Patient Category-# of Pts.**ISS >24**

DOA	3	0.8			1	4
ED Deaths	68	17.0	26	2.9		94
OR Deaths	21	5.3	9	1.0		30
ED Tsf Out	1	0.3	2	0.2	3	6
Tsf In/ED D/C	1	0.3	0	0.0		1
Totals	94	23.5	37	4.1	4	135

Patient Category-Total Cost

DOA	42,267	10,567			2,303	44,570
ED Deaths	754,984	188,746	385,882	42,876		1,140,866
OR Deaths	430,605	107,651	125,150	13,906		555,755
ED Tsf Out	207,329	51,832	1,810,030	201,114	142,124	2,159,483
Tsf In/ED D/C	126,676	31,669	615,787	68,421	2,808	745,271
Totals	1,561,861	390,465	2,936,849	326,317	417,858	4,916,568

Section 2 - Patient Treatment Costs & Payments

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	Level I Total	Level 1 Average	Level II Total	Level II Average	L 4 TC	All TC Total
Payer Type-# of Pts.						
Comml (non-contracted)	1157	289	523	58	8	1,688
Mg Care (contracted)	1262	316	1798	200	11	3,071
Medicare	830	208	601	67	15	1,446
Medicaid	859	215	1053	117	14	1,926
Self Pay	1756	439	986	110	17	2,759
Other	835	209	440	49	3	1,278
Totals	6699	1675	5401	600	66	12,166
Payer Type-Charges						
Comml (non-contracted)	84,545,711	21,136,428	39,258,000	4,362,000	162,690	123,966,401
Mg Care (contracted)	86,975,180	21,743,795	126,640,372	14,071,152	316,396	213,931,948
Medicare	54,290,646	13,572,662	40,939,014	4,548,779	327,451	95,557,111
Medicaid	79,984,788	19,996,197	60,663,428	6,740,381	241,159	140,889,375
Self Pay	79,998,909	19,999,727	65,817,039	7,313,004	115,062	145,931,010
Other	59,221,012	14,805,253	21,322,403	2,369,156	36,620	80,580,035
Totals	445,016,246	111,254,062	354,640,256	39,404,473	1,199,378	800,855,880
Payer Type-Costs						
Comml (non-contracted)	28,472,207	7,118,052	9,256,481	1,028,498	48,805	37,777,493
Mg Care (contracted)	28,578,149	7,144,537	30,734,970	3,414,997	94,619	59,407,738
Medicare	17,588,334	4,397,084	10,454,301	1,161,589	97,935	28,140,570
Medicaid	28,330,965	7,082,741	18,344,543	2,038,283	72,348	46,747,856
Self Pay	27,424,577	6,856,144	15,119,115	1,679,902	34,519	42,578,211
Other	18,334,551	4,583,638	4,868,720	540,969	11,589	23,214,860
Totals	148,728,783	37,182,196	88,778,130	9,864,237	359,815	237,866,728
Final Final Collections						
Comml (non-contracted)	29,434,064	7,358,516	13,341,691	1,482,410	80,630	42,856,385
Mg Care (contracted)	40,565,527	10,141,382	44,657,935	4,961,993	114,700	85,338,162
Medicare	19,256,098	4,814,025	8,754,542	972,727	100,398	28,111,038
Medicaid	22,812,326	5,703,082	13,879,855	1,542,206	60,531	36,752,712
Self Pay	1,333,578	333,395	1,745,266	193,918	508	3,079,352
Other	10,729,315	2,682,329	6,125,913	680,657	18,544	16,873,772
Totals	124,130,908	31,032,727	88,505,202	9,833,911	375,311	213,011,421
Source of Funds:						
Pmt. For Readiness	10,149,524	2,537,381	13,701,861	1,522,429	200,000	24,051,385
Pmt. For Uninsured	16,080,654	4,020,164	6,909,127	767,681		22,989,781
Pmt. For Registry	262,360	65,590	480,355	53,373	63,816	806,531
Totals	26,492,538	6,623,135	21,091,343	2,343,483	163,816	47,747,699

Section 3 - CY 2008 Self Pay Volume & Severity Mix

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	Level I Total Level I's	Level 1 Average Level I's	Level II Total Level II's	Level II Average Level II's	L 4 TC Totals	All TC Total Totals
Admitted Patients by ISS- # of Patients						
0-4	392	98	259	29	5	656
5-8	196	49	111	12	1	308
9	279	70	149	17	2	430
10-15	309	77	119	13	0	428
16-24	254	64	117	13	0	371
>24	150	38	49	5	0	199
Totals	1580	395	804	89	6	2,390

Admitted Patients by ISS- Ttl Pt. Costs						
0-4	3710588	927,647	2,317,881	257,542	107,417	6,135,886
5-8	2287597	571,899	1,426,027	158,447	7,695	3,721,319
9	4561053	1,140,263	2,357,650	261,961	25,897	6,944,600
10-15	4731155	1,182,789	2,454,910	272,768	-	7,186,065
16-24	6920490	1,730,123	4,183,861	464,873	-	11,104,351
>24	6104316	1,526,079	1,329,557	147,729	-	7,433,873
Totals	28315199	7,078,800	14,069,886	1,563,321	141,009	42,526,094

Non Admitted Pts-# of Patients						
DOA	6	2	2	0	2	10
ED Deaths	94	24	27	3	0	121
OR Deaths	20	5	4	0	0	24
ED Tsf Out	25	6	67	7	39	131
Tsf In/ED D/C	46	12	39	4	3	88
Totals	191	48	139	15	44	374

Non Admitted Pts-Ttl Pt. Costs						
DOA	16508	4,127	-	0	7,675	24,183
ED Deaths	344067	86,017	56,625	6,292	-	400,692
OR Deaths	228262	57,066	42,415	4,713	-	270,677
ED Tsf Out	73168	18,292	119,141	13,238	151,253	343,562
Tsf In/ED D/C	53826	13,457	87,448	9,716	2,808	144,082
Totals	715831	178,958	561,023	62,336	161,736	1,438,590

Phase 2
CY 2008 GEORGIA ASSESSMENT OF TRAUMA CENTER FINANCIAL VIABILITY
Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission

February 9, 2010

To Georgia Trauma Centers,
This is Phase 2 of this year's trauma center financial survey. It covers calendar year 2008. You should have already received and completed Phase 1 - Trauma Center Readiness Costs – which has a due date of February 5, 2010. This Phase 2 survey has a due date of March 5, 2010

Please immediately acknowledge that you have received this Phase 2 survey by replying to the email from Ann@traumacare.com.

If you have questions, please email them to Ann@traumacare.com. We will circulate answers to all trauma centers.

When completed, please email survey to Ann@traumacare.com.

Please provide the following information:

Trauma Center _____ Level _____
Name of person who completed this Survey: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

All hospital data will be kept confidential; it will be reported on a consolidated basis that precludes the disclosure of individual hospital information. The exception will be the total patient volume and volume of self pay patients by injury severity category that each trauma hospital treats; this provides a basis for allocating Georgia trauma funds.

This survey should be reviewed by your CFO and signed to indicate his/her review:

_____ CFO

SECTION 1 – TRAUMA REGISTRY AND PATIENT COST INFORMATION

A. Volume & Severity Mix of Admitted Patients

For this table, please include trauma patients who meet Georgia trauma registry criteria and were admitted to the hospital during the full 12 months of 2008 and sort them by following Injury Severity Scores. Do not include DOA's, ED deaths and ED transfers in this table.

ISS Category	# of Patients	Total Costs*	Total Hospital Days	Total ICU Days**
0 - 4				
5-8				
9				
10 - 15				
16 - 24				
>24				
Totals				

*Total costs include fully allocated patient treatment costs ** Also include in total hospital days

B. DOA, ED Deaths & ED Transfers

In this table include only trauma patients who meet Georgia trauma registry criteria but were not admitted to the hospital. Include only DOA's, ED deaths, OR deaths (if not admitted), ED transfers out and ED discharges of patients who were transferred in.

Patient Category	# of Patients	Injury Severity Scores				Total Cost*	Your Hospital's Definition of DOA vs. ED Death
		0-4	5-8	9	10-15 16-24 >24		
Dead on Arrival							
ED Deaths							
OR Deaths							Are OR deaths in admitted?
ED Transfers Out							NA
Transfer In/ED Dsch							NA

SECTION 2- PATIENT TREATMENT COSTS & PAYMENTS

A. Patient Treatment Costs And Payments

In this table please include all patients who meet Georgia trauma registry requirements. "Estimated final collections" is what you expect to collect on remaining account balances.

Payer Type	# of Patients	Total Charges	Total Costs	Actual Payments	Remaining Balances	Estimated Final Collections
Commercial (Non Contracted)						
Managed Care(Contracted)						
Medicare						
Medicaid						
Self Pay						
Other						
Totals						

B. Payments From State In CY 2008

In this table please add payments from state that occurred in calendar year 2008.

Source of Funds	Amount
Payment For Readiness	
Payment for Uninsured Trauma Care	
Payment For Registry Support	

SECTION 3 - CY 2008 SELF PAY VOLUME AND SEVERITY MIX

For the self pay patients included in the above table, please review each patient against hospital/state contract requirements regarding uninsured patient eligibility for payment from Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission (based upon SB 60). Then include only such patients in the table below right.

CY 2008 Uninsured Patients Meeting SB 60 Requirements

Admitted Patients By ISS	# of Pts	Total Patient Costs
0 - 4		
5-8		
9		
10-15		
16 - 24		
> 24		
Total Admitted Patients		
Non Admitted Patients		
Dead on Arrival		
ED Deaths		
OR Deaths (if not admitted)		
ED Transfers Out		
Transfers In/ED Discharge		
Total Non-Admitted Patients		

Relevant contract language is as follows:

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"To ensure that all reasonable collection efforts as defined by the Commission are made by Contractor prior to payment for services. Collection efforts will include payments from private insurance coverage or any other public medical assistance program (i.e. Medicaid, Medicare Part B, Workers' Compensation, etc.). It is understood that payments made through this program shall be deemed as "payer of last resort". No payment will be made to supplement any third party payment. However, where the recipient of services is making payment, any partial payment of less than 10 percent on such self-pay account will qualify that account to be deemed uncompensated."

Contract Annex B Definitions

"uncompensated" services means care provided by a designated "trauma center" in the State of Georgia emergency medical services provider, or physician to a trauma patient as defined by the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission who:

- (a) Has no medical insurance, including federal Medicare Part B coverage;
- (b) Is not eligible for medical assistance coverage;
- (c) Has no medical coverage for trauma care through workers' compensation, automobile insurance, or any other third party, including any settlement or judgment resulting from such coverage; and
- (d) Has not paid for the trauma care provided by the trauma provider after documented attempts by the trauma care services provider to collect payment. O. C. G. A. Section 31-11-100 (4)

Senate Bill 502

By: Senators Hill of the 4th and Chapman of the 3rd

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to reimbursement of expenses, so as to provide that all nonelected members of state
3 authorities, boards, commissions, councils, or other bodies shall be compensated only for
4 their actual expenses incurred in service to such authority, board, commission, council, or
5 other body and shall not be entitled to any expense allowance or per diem; to provide for
6 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 reimbursement of expenses, is amended by revising Code Section 45-7-21, relating to
11 expense allowance and travel cost reimbursement for members of certain boards and
12 commissions, as follows:

13 "45-7-21.

14 ~~(a) Each member~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, members of
15 the state authorities, boards, and commissions, councils, and other such bodies who are not
16 elected public officers enumerated in this Code section shall receive the same expense
17 allowance per day as that received by a member of the General Assembly for each day such
18 member of a board or commission is in attendance at a meeting of such board or
19 commission, plus only reimbursement for actual transportation costs while traveling by
20 public carrier or the legal mileage rate for the use of a personal automobile in connection
21 with such attendance at a meeting of such authority, board, commission, council, or other
22 such body. ~~The expense allowance and reimbursement provided for in this Code section~~
23 ~~shall be paid in lieu of any per diem, allowance, or other remuneration now received by any~~
24 ~~such member for such attendance. The existing law relative to any limitation on the~~
25 ~~number of meeting days and remuneration for service on committees or subcommittees of~~
26 ~~any such board or commission shall remain in effect. The boards and commissions to~~

27 ~~which this Code section shall be applicable are as follows: Such members shall not receive~~
 28 ~~an expense allowance, per diem, or any other form of compensation whatsoever for their~~
 29 ~~service except for such expense reimbursement.~~

30 ~~(1) State Board of Education;~~

31 ~~(2) State Medical Education Board;~~

32 ~~(3) Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia;~~

33 ~~(4) Board of Corrections;~~

34 ~~(5) Board of Economic Development;~~

35 ~~(6) Board of Natural Resources;~~

36 ~~(7) State Transportation Board;~~

37 ~~(8) Dental Education Board;~~

38 ~~(9) Georgia Student Finance Commission;~~

39 ~~(10) Veterans Service Board;~~

40 ~~(11) Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority;~~

41 ~~(12) Georgia Board for Physician Workforce;~~

42 ~~(13) Georgia Music Hall of Fame Authority;~~

43 ~~(14) Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Authority;~~

44 ~~(15) Georgia Rail Passenger Authority;~~

45 ~~(16) Georgia Tobacco Community Development Board;~~

46 ~~(17) State Board of Technical and Adult Education;~~

47 ~~(18) Civil War Commission; and~~

48 ~~(19) The delegation from the State of Georgia to the Southern Dairy Compact~~
 49 ~~Commission.~~

50 ~~(b) Whenever this Code section or any other law of this state provides that members of any~~
 51 ~~board, commission, or other body shall receive the same daily expense allowance as~~
 52 ~~members of the General Assembly, whether by specific reference to this Code section or~~
 53 ~~any other law or by a more general reference, the members of such board, commission, or~~
 54 ~~other body shall receive a daily expense allowance of \$105.00. Such \$105.00 amount shall~~
 55 ~~apply for members of such boards, commissions, and other bodies, regardless of whether~~
 56 ~~the amount actually received by members of the General Assembly under Code Section~~
 57 ~~28-1-8 is more or less than \$105.00. The provisions of this subsection Code section shall~~
 58 ~~control over any conflicting provisions of any other earlier enacted law."~~

59 **SECTION 2.**

60 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.