



# MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

TRAUMA CARE TRUST FUND DISTRIBUTION

July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

## D I S C L A I M E R

This report is prepared for the purpose of providing the Mississippi Department of Health, Bureau of Acute Care Systems, with our calculation of allocations made in accordance with the Trauma Care Trust Fund Distribution Policy for the six-month period ended December 31, 2024. Distribution and use of this report, including the calculations presented herein, should be limited to and consistent with BDO USA's contract with the Mississippi State Department of Health, Bureau of Acute Care Systems, for the contract term commencing July 1, 2025.

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October 28, 2025

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Re: Trauma Care Trust Fund Distribution

Dear Ms. Windham:

Pursuant to your request and in accordance with our contract with the Mississippi State Department of Health, Bureau of Acute Care Systems ("ACS"), for the term commencing July 1, 2025, we have performed the following services (collectively, "Fund Allocations") in accordance with the Mississippi Trauma Care Trust Fund Distribution Policy:

- Determine allocation for each designated trauma center,
- Determine allocation for the Medicaid Emergency Ground Ambulance Reimbursement Program;<sup>1</sup> and
- Submit complete information to ACS to allow ACS to make proper disbursements.

The accompanying report is prepared for the purpose of providing the Mississippi Department of Health, Bureau of Acute Care Systems, with our calculation of the Fund Allocations for the six-month period ended December 31, 2024, for purposes of documentation of compliance with the Mississippi Trauma Care Trust Fund Distribution Policy.

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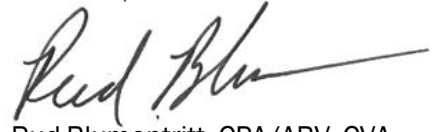
<sup>1</sup> As of December 19, 2020, the Trauma Rules and Regulations were revised to allocate a portion of the EMS component of this present distribution to be paid to the Division of Medicaid to support the Emergency Ground Ambulance Reimbursement Program. Funds remaining from said EMS portion after making the state match payment to Medicaid will be distributed directly to EMS providers.

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We appreciate this opportunity to be of assistance to you. Should you have any questions or comments regarding the information presented below, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

BDO USA, P.C.

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Rud Blumentritt, CPA/ABV, CVA  
Principal

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## DISTRIBUTION SUMMARY

The following summary represents an overview of net total funds available in the Trauma Care Trust Fund for distribution as of the date of this report. Pursuant to Mississippi Trauma Care System Rules and Regulations, Chapter 1, Subchapter 3 (“Distribution Policy”), said funds cover current fiscal year administration expenses and distribution to trauma centers and EMS for the six-month period ended December 31, 2024.

### Summary of Net Total Available for Administration and Distribution

1 <sup>st</sup> Subgrant Administration & Education Payment Fiscal Year 2025 <sup>2</sup>	\$ 485,500
Level I – Level III Fixed Distribution Total	4,611,000
Level I – Level III Variable Distribution Total	7,685,000
Level IV Administration Support <sup>3</sup>	630,000
Burn Fund	768,500
EMS Component Distribution Total	<u>2,305,500</u>
<b>Net Total Available for Administration and Distribution</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 16,485,500</u></u></b>

Based on the Total Funds Available for Distribution, we have performed the following services (collectively, “Fund Allocations”) in accordance with the Distribution Policy:

- Determine allocation for each designated trauma center;
- Determine allocation for the EMS Component Distribution, including the Medicaid Emergency Ground Ambulance Reimbursement Program; and
- Submit complete information to ACS to allow ACS to make proper disbursements.

For a summary of the Allocations made in accordance with the Distribution Policy, please refer to Schedule 1 in Appendix C.

<sup>2</sup> The Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation (“Foundation”) was created under the Mississippi Hospital Association in 2020 to take the place of the regional model in order to create a more centralized model to provide administration services and act as the educational vendor for the trauma facilities, as represented by ACS.

<sup>3</sup> Each of the 63 Level IV Trauma Centers receive an annual \$10,000 stipend per fiscal year, as provided in Rule 1.3.4, Miss. Code Ann. §41-59-5.

## HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

### Establishment of the Trauma Care Trust Fund

In 1994, Mississippi Attorney General Mike Moore initiated a lawsuit against 13 tobacco companies, arguing that they should reimburse the state for the costs of treating smoking related illnesses. The settlement was worth \$246 billion, with Mississippi receiving \$4.1 billion.

The Mississippi legislature put those funds into a “lockbox” and planned to utilize only the interest earned on the money, leaving the corpus untouched. These designated interest funds were to be expended only on health-related initiatives in the state. One of those initiatives was the Trauma Care Trust Fund (“TCTF”). Administered by the Mississippi State Department of Health (“MSDH”), Division of Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”), the Fund received \$6 million annually from the tobacco expendable fund and additional monies from assessments on fines paid by moving traffic violators.

The purpose of the Mississippi Trauma Care System is to “reduce the death and disability resulting from traumatic injury” with a goal to “deliver the *right* patient to the *right* hospital the *first* time.” Every Mississippi hospital with an emergency room must maintain a trauma registry, which captures detailed information about patients whose injury meets the clinical criteria as defined by the state. This information, uploaded to the Department of Health monthly, is used to help ensure that patients have access to and are transported to the closest, most appropriate trauma facility, and also is used as part of the performance improvement process.

A 2007 report by the Center for Mississippi Health Policy called for changes to the state’s trauma system and recommended a minimum funding level of \$40 million to maintain the trauma care system at adequate levels. In the 2008 legislative session, HB 1405 created a mandatory trauma system, requiring all hospitals to participate in the trauma network as a condition of licensure. (With this piece of legislation, Mississippi became the first state to implement a mandatory trauma system.) A hospital that chooses not to participate in the trauma network or chooses to participate at a level lower than it is capable of participating, is assessed a fine ranging from \$423,500 to nearly \$1.5 million. These fees came to be known as “play or pay” fees.

As the tobacco expendable fund dwindled, new funding sources for TCTF were required. Fund sources came to include portions of traffic fines, license plate fees and point-of-sale fees on motorcycles, ATVs, and personal watercraft. In addition, the aforementioned hospital non-participation fees, aka “play or pay” fees, provided funding to the TCTF. Pursuant to the change in funding sources within the TCTF, the distribution system was changed in 2009. The TCTF is now managed by the Department of Health’s Bureau of Acute Care Systems, which continues to use the Fund Allocations to cover administration expenses of the system while distributing the remaining balance to trauma centers and ambulance districts. Qualified burn centers also receive funding from the TCTF. Level I – III hospitals and burn centers are required to expend 30 percent of their allocated funds on their physician component.

### Recent Changes in Trauma Care Funding

During the 2016 and 2017 regular sessions, the Mississippi Legislature passed two bills that had implications for trauma funding. In 2016 the Legislature passed Senate Bill 2362, also known as the Budget Transparency and Simplification Act, which redirected part of the funding to be collected for the TCTF in fiscal year 2017 to the State General Fund. Specifically, fines associated with moving violations were redirected to the State General Fund.

During the 2017 Regular Session, the Legislature passed House Bill 1511. This bill provided for a portion (exactly \$7,023,197) of fees collected from moving violations to be restored for use by the state's Trauma System; however, the bill reduced the Trauma System's authority to spend from \$40 million to \$20 million. Based on previous years' collections, this equated to a cut of more than \$2 million for the Mississippi TCTF for FY 2018.<sup>4</sup>

During the 2019 Regular Session, the Legislature restored a portion of the traditional spending authority for the Trauma System. The Legislature provided a spending authority of \$28 million for fiscal year 2020.<sup>5</sup>

During the 2025 Regular Session, Mississippi House Bill 1210 was passed to create the Mississippi Trauma Care Escrow Fund ("Escrow Fund"). The Escrow fund was designed as a safety net for the State's trauma care system and is funded by transferring money from the existing funding that exceeds \$25 million so that monies will not lapse into the State General Fund at the end of the fiscal year. This bill also increased assessments which fund the trauma care system.

### **Other Recent Changes**

In 2020, the Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation ("Foundation") was created under the Mississippi Hospital Association. MSDH contracted with the Foundation to provide specific administrative and education services. The purpose of the shift from the regional model to the Foundation was to create a more centralized model to provide administration services and act as the educational vendor for the trauma facilities. The change will save the ACS an estimated \$275,000 per distribution period in administration expenses.

As of December 19, 2020, the State Board of Health approved a proposed change to Trauma Rules and Regulations, which allocates a portion of the EMS component of this present distribution to be paid to the Division of Medicaid to support the State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0016 Emergency Ground Ambulance Reimbursement Program, as provided in Rule 1.3.5, Miss. Code Ann. §41-59-75. Funds remaining from said EMS portion after making the state match payment to Medicaid will be distributed directly to EMS providers.

### **Total Available for Distribution**

Biannually the Trauma System Administrator obtains the Trauma Care Systems Fund balance from the State Treasurer to be distributed to eligible trauma centers.

In accordance with the Distribution Policy,<sup>6</sup> an allocation of the fund balance is available for distribution to eligible trauma centers<sup>7</sup> based on patient trauma registry data. Each allocation is distributed based on half of the fund balance less pre-determined administration adjustments.

The remaining fund balance ("Total Available for Distribution") is provided by ACS to BDO USA for calculation of the Fund Allocation for each designated trauma center, as described below.

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<sup>4</sup> Mississippi State Department of Health, "FY 2018 Mississippi TRAUMA System of Care Plan," July 12, 2017.

<sup>5</sup> Mississippi State Department of Health, "FY 2021 Mississippi TRAUMA System of Care Plan," March 2, 2021.

<sup>6</sup> Rule 1.3.5, Miss. Code Ann. §41-59-5.

<sup>7</sup> Eligible Level IV trauma centers constitute facilities that maintain licensing and participation requirements as determined by the Department.

## FUND ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY

In accordance with the Distribution Policy, the remaining Fund balance is available for distribution to EMS providers, Level I through Level III trauma centers, and the state's burn centers as follows:

### EMS Component Distribution

Fifteen percent of the Net Total Available for Distribution is allocated to eligible licensed ambulance services that provide pre-hospital care to trauma victims. As of December 19, 2020, MSDH approved a proposed change to Trauma Rules and Regulations, which allocates a portion of the EMS component of this present distribution to be paid to the Division of Medicaid to support the State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0016 Emergency Ground Ambulance Reimbursement Program, as provided in Rule 1.3.5, Miss. Code Ann. §41-59-75. Funds remaining from said EMS portion after making the state match payment to Medicaid will be distributed directly to EMS providers using the formula below:

Small County Distribution – EMS Component funds are allocated for counties with respective populations fewer than 15,000 (“Small Counties”) on a *per capita* basis. The Small County distribution is determined based on a sum of the following:

- A dedicated portion equal to 4.4016 percent of the total EMS Component fund was utilized to result in a small county distribution less than or equal to the disbursement received by the Large County with the population closest to or equal to 15,000 in accordance with Rule 1.3.5. of the Distribution Policy.
- The total Small County population as a percentage of the total state population multiplied by the total EMS Component fund.

Large County Distribution – The EMS Component funds, less the Small County Distribution, are allocated for counties with respective populations greater than 14,999 (“Large Counties”) based on the population size of each individual Large County relative to the aggregate population of Large Counties.

Please refer to Schedules 1 and 2 for the EMS Component Distribution allocation.<sup>8</sup>

### Level I through Level III Distribution

#### Hospital Fixed Distribution

Thirty percent of the Net Total Available for Distribution is allocated *pro rata* to Level I, Level II, and Level III trauma centers based on their respective designations during the distribution period in conjunction with the following relative weights:<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> Rule 1.3.5, Miss. Code Ann. §41-59-75.

<sup>9</sup> Rule 1.3.6, Miss. Code Ann. §41-59-75.

Trauma Designation	Relative Weight
Level I	1.000
Level II	0.875
Level III	0.625

For a list of eligible Level I – III trauma centers, please refer to Appendix B. For details of our calculation of the fixed distribution allocation, please refer to Schedule 4.

Variable Distribution

Fifty percent of the Net Total Available for Distribution is allocated among the Regions based on patient data collected in the trauma registry’s Injury Severity Score (ISS) index for each trauma center. Funds are distributed based on each facility’s specific ISS scores which are weighted relative to the total ISS scores for all Level I – III trauma centers as presented below:<sup>10</sup>

ISS Severity Score	Severity Score Weight
1 – 9	1.02
10 – 15	2.02
16 – 24	3.80
> 24	6.57

For a list of eligible Level I – III trauma centers please refer to Appendix B. For details of our calculation of the variable distribution allocation, please refer to Schedules 3 and 5.

Physician Component Distribution

In accordance with the Distribution Policy, a minimum of 30 percent of each total hospital payment is required to fund the physician component for each Level I – III trauma center. A summary of fixed and variable distribution components for each eligible facility, including the physician component is presented on Schedule 3.

Burn Center Fund

Five percent of the fund balance is reserved for burn centers operating in the state. However, if no such burn centers exist, this amount is included in the fixed trauma center distribution. If more than one burn center is operating within the system, the five percent is distributed based on a pro-rata share of patients as determined by Trauma Registry inputs. For a summary of the allocation for burn center funds, please refer to Schedule 6.

<sup>10</sup> Rule 1.3.7, Miss. Code Ann. §41-59-75.

## APPENDIX A – SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- Mississippi Trauma Care System Regulations, Title 15: Mississippi Department of Health, Part 3: Bureau of Acute Care Systems, Subpart 1: Trauma System of Care. Accessed at [https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/index.cfm/49,7361,305,pdf/TraumaRegs\\_Nov2020.pdf](https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/index.cfm/49,7361,305,pdf/TraumaRegs_Nov2020.pdf).
- *Descriptive Review of the Mississippi Trauma Care Systems Fund*. Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (2013).
- Hariel, Shane and Granberry, Erin. *Financial Health of the Mississippi Statewide Trauma Program for Hospital Providers* (2015).
- Total Funds Available for Distribution for the period July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, as provided by ACS.
- Injury Severity Score (“ISS”) and Severity Index for Level I – III hospitals in the Trauma Care System based on patient data for the six-month period ended December 31, 2024, as provided by ACS.
- Other sources as cited within this report.

**APPENDIX B - MISSISSIPPI DESIGNATED AND NON-DESIGNATED TRAUMA CENTERS**

*Level I (4 Hospitals)*

Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital –  
 Memphis, TN (Tertiary Pediatric)  
 Regional One Medical Center –  
 Memphis, TN  
 University of Mississippi Medical  
 Center – Jackson, MS  
 University of South Alabama – Mobile,  
 AL

*Level II (3 Hospitals)*

Forrest General Hospital  
 Memorial Hospital - Gulfport  
 North Mississippi Medical Center –  
 Tupelo

*Level III (14 Active Hospitals)*

Baptist Medical Center – Jackson  
 Baptist Memorial Hospital - Anderson  
 Baptist Memorial Hospital - DeSoto  
 Baptist Memorial Hospital - Golden  
 Triangle  
 Baptist Memorial Hospital – North -  
 Oxford  
 Delta Regional Medical Center  
 Magnolia Regional Health Center  
 Merit Health River Oaks  
 Merit Health Wesley  
 OCH Regional Medical Center,  
 Suspended July 2024  
 Ochsner Rush Hospital  
 Singing River Hospital – Gulfport  
 Singing River Hospital – Ocean  
 Springs  
 Singing River Hospital – Pascagoula  
 South Central Regional

*Level IV (64 Active Hospitals)*

Baptist Medical Center – Attala  
 Baptist Memorial Hospital Yazoo

Baptist Memorial Hospital –  
 Booneville  
 Baptist Memorial Hospital – Calhoun  
 Baptist Memorial Hospital – Leake  
 Baptist Memorial Hospital – Union  
 County  
 Bolivar Medical Center  
 Choctaw Regional Medical Center  
 Claiborne County Medical Center  
 Copiah County Medical Center  
 Covington County Hospital  
 Delta Health - Northwest Regional  
 Field Memorial Hospital  
 Franklin County Memorial Hospital  
 George Regional Hospital  
 Greene County Hospital  
 Greenwood LeFlore Hospital  
 Highland Community Hospital  
 Highland Hills Medical Center  
 Jefferson County Rural Emergency  
 Hospital\*\*  
 Jefferson Davis Community Hospital  
 King’s Daughters Medical Center -  
 Brookhaven  
 Lawrence County Hospital  
 Magee General Hospital  
 Marion General Hospital  
 Memorial Hospital at Stone County  
 Merit Health Biloxi, Suspended July  
 2024  
 Merit Health Central  
 Merit Health Natchez  
 Merit Health Rankin  
 Merit Health River Region  
 Methodist Health Care – Olive Branch  
 Monroe Regional  
 Neshoba County General Hospital  
 North Mississippi Medical Center –  
 Gilmore/Amory  
 North Mississippi Medical Center  
 Eupora  
 North Mississippi Medical Center –  
 Iuka

North Mississippi Medical Center –  
 Pontotoc  
 North Mississippi Medical Center –  
 West Point  
 North Sunflower Medical Center  
 Noxubee General Hospital  
 Ochsner Laird Hospital  
 Ochsner Medical Center – Hancock  
 Ochsner Scott Regional Hospital  
 Ochsner Stennis Hospital  
 Ochsner Watkins Hospital  
 Panola Medical Center  
 Pearl River Community Hospital  
 Perry County Hospital  
 Quitman Community Hospital  
 S.E. Lackey Memorial Hospital  
 Sharkey Issaquena Community  
 Hospital  
 Simpson General Hospital  
 South Sunflower County Hospital  
 Southwest Mississippi Regional  
 Medical Center  
 St. Dominic Jackson Memorial  
 Hospital\*  
 Tallahatchie General Hospital  
 Tippah County Hospital  
 Tyler Holmes Memorial Hospital  
 University of Mississippi Medical  
 Center Grenada  
 UMMC Madison  
 University – Holmes County  
 Walthall County General Hospital  
 Wayne General Hospital  
 Winston Medical Center

*Burn Center Designation  
 (4 Hospitals)*

Regional One Health Firefighters Burn  
 Center – Memphis, TN  
 Mississippi Baptist Medical Center –  
 Jackson  
 University of Mississippi Medical  
 Center – Burn  
 University of South Alabama\*\*\*

\* St. Dominic Jackson Memorial Hospital – Jackson, MS has been determined capable of participating at a higher level than currently designated and thus was invoiced pursuant to the pay or play schedule. See the Trauma System Rules and Regulations, Rule 1.3.12 for more information about the “pay or play” rule and the fee schedule.

\*\* Jefferson County Rural Emergency Hospital was designated April 21, 2025 and thus will not receive the level IV trauma center stipend in this distribution period.

\*\*\* University of South Alabama opened their burn center in October of 2024.



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APPENDIX C - SCHEDULES



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Trauma Care Trust Fund

Distribution Summary

July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

	Notes		
Total Funds Available in the Trauma Care Trust Fund	(1)	\$ 16,485,500	
1st Subgrant Administration & Education Payment Fiscal Year 2026	(2)	<u>485,500</u>	
Total to be Distributed to Hospitals	(3)	16,000,000	
Level IV Administration Support	(4)	<u>630,000</u>	
<b>Net Total Available for Distribution to Hospitals</b>		<b><u><u>\$ 15,370,000</u></u></b>	
<b>Summary of Net Total Available for Administration and Distribution</b>			
1st Subgrant Administration & Education Payment Fiscal Year 2026	(2)	\$ 485,500	
Levels I - III: Hospital Fixed Distribution Total	(5)	4,611,000	30%
Levels I - III: Hospital Variable Distribution Total	(5)	7,685,000	50%
Level IV Administration Support	(4)	630,000	N/A
Burn Fund	(5)	768,500	5%
EMS Component Distribution Total	(6)	<u>2,305,500</u>	15%
<b>Total Funds Available in the Trauma Care Trust Fund</b>		<b><u><u>\$ 16,485,500</u></u></b>	



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Trauma Care Trust Fund

Distribution Summary

July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

Notes

Notes

- (1) Pursuant to Mississippi Trauma Care System Rules and Regulations, Chapter 1, Subchapter 3, said funds cover current fiscal year administration expenses and distribution to trauma centers and EMS for the six-month period ended December 31, 2024.
- (2) Administration funds will be distributed to the Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation ("Foundation"). The Foundation was created in 2020 under the Mississippi Hospital Association to take the place of the Regional model in order to create a more centralized model to provide administration services and act as the educational vendor for the trauma facilities, as represented by ACS.
- (3) Amount available for distribution to the hospital facilities as provided by ACS for allocation in accordance with the Trauma Care Trust Fund Distribution Policy ("Distribution Policy").
- (4) Each of the 63 Level IV Trauma Centers receive an annual \$10,000 stipend per fiscal year, as provided in Rule 1.3.4, Miss. Code Ann. §41-59-5.
- (5) Based on percent of the Net Total Available for Distribution as provided in Rules 1.3.5 through 1.3.8, Miss. Code Ann. §41-59-75.
- (6) Based on percent of the Net Total Available for Distribution as provided in Rules 1.3.5 through 1.3.8, Miss. Code Ann. §41-59-75 and includes an amount available for distribution to the Division of Medicaid to support the Emergency Ground Ambulance Reimbursement Program, as provided in Rule 1.3.5, Miss. Code Ann. §41-59-75. These match funds will be held in trust and paid to the Division of Medicaid to cover the cost of the Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") Enhanced Reimbursement Program.



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
 Trauma Care Trust Fund  
 Funding Model for Medicaid Component  
 July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

	Notes		
Census	(1)		2,961,279
EMS Component Distribution Total	(2)	\$ 2,305,500	
EMS Enhanced Reimbursement Program Match	(3)	400,000	
Remaining to be distributed to the counties			\$ 1,905,500
Small County Per Capita Portion	(4)	8.5808%	163,508
Small County Dedicated Portion	(5)	4.4016%	83,872
Total EMS Component Funds for Small Counties (<15,000 pop.)			247,379
Total Number of Small Counties			26
Lump Sum per Small County			9,515
Total EMS Component Funds for Large Counties (>14,999 pop.)	(6)		1,658,121

County	Population	Population Percentage	EMS Distribution
<b>Small Counties (&lt;15,000 pop.):</b>			
Issaquena	1,338	0.0452%	\$ 9,515
Sharkey	3,800	0.1283%	9,515
Jefferson	7,260	0.2452%	9,515
Franklin	7,675	0.2592%	9,515
Quitman	6,176	0.2086%	9,515
Choctaw	8,246	0.2785%	9,515
Benton	7,646	0.2582%	9,515
Humphreys	7,785	0.2629%	9,515
Claiborne	9,135	0.3085%	9,515
Wilkinson	8,587	0.2900%	9,515
Webster	9,926	0.3352%	9,515
Kemper	8,988	0.3035%	9,515



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County	Population	Population Percentage	EMS Distribution
Carroll	9,998	0.3376%	9,515
Tunica	9,782	0.3303%	9,515
Montgomery	9,822	0.3317%	9,515
Noxubee	10,285	0.3473%	9,515
Perry	11,511	0.3887%	9,515
Jefferson Davis	11,321	0.3823%	9,515
Yalobusha	12,481	0.4215%	9,515
Lawrence	12,016	0.4058%	9,515
Amite	12,720	0.4295%	9,515
Greene	13,530	0.4569%	9,515
Calhoun	13,266	0.4480%	9,515
Tallahatchie	12,715	0.4294%	9,515
Walthall	13,884	0.4689%	9,515
Smith	14,209	0.4798%	9,515

County	Population	Population Percentage	Revised Distribution <sup>(4)</sup>
<b>Large Counties (&gt;14,999 pop.):</b>			
Clarke	15,615	0.5273%	9,564
Jasper	16,367	0.5527%	10,025
Chickasaw	17,106	0.5777%	10,478
Stone	18,333	0.6191%	11,229
Winston	17,714	0.5982%	10,850
Holmes	17,000	0.5741%	10,413
Attala	17,889	0.6041%	10,957
Covington	18,340	0.6193%	11,233
Tishomingo	18,850	0.6365%	11,545
Clay	18,636	0.6293%	11,414
Wayne	19,779	0.6679%	12,114



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County	Population	Population Percentage	EMS Distribution
Leake	21,275	0.7184%	13,030
Newton	21,291	0.7190%	13,041
Coahoma	21,390	0.7223%	13,101
Grenada	21,629	0.7304%	13,248
Tippah	21,815	0.7367%	13,362
Itawamba	23,863	0.8058%	14,615
George	24,350	0.8223%	14,915
Marion	24,441	0.8254%	14,971
Prentiss	25,008	0.8445%	15,317
Simpson	25,949	0.8763%	15,894
Sunflower	25,971	0.8770%	15,907
Yazoo	26,743	0.9031%	16,380
Union	27,777	0.9380%	17,013
Scott	27,990	0.9452%	17,144
Tate	28,064	0.9477%	17,189
Leflore	28,339	0.9570%	17,358
Copiah	28,368	0.9580%	17,376
Neshoba	29,087	0.9822%	17,815
Adams	29,538	0.9975%	18,092
Bolivar	30,985	1.0463%	18,977
Pontotoc	31,184	1.0531%	19,101
Panola	33,208	1.1214%	20,339
Marshall	33,752	1.1398%	20,673
Monroe	34,180	1.1542%	20,934
Alcorn	34,740	1.1731%	21,277
Lincoln	34,907	1.1788%	21,381



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Funding Model for Medicaid Component  
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County	Population	Population Percentage	EMS Distribution
Pike	40,324	1.3617%	24,698
Warren	44,722	1.5102%	27,391
Washington	44,922	1.5170%	27,515
Hancock	46,053	1.5552%	28,208
Oktoberfest	51,788	1.7488%	31,719
Lafayette	55,813	1.8848%	34,186
Pearl River	56,145	1.8960%	34,389
Lowndes	58,879	1.9883%	36,063
Lamar	64,222	2.1687%	39,335
Jones	67,246	2.2708%	41,187
Lauderdale	72,984	2.4646%	44,702
Forrest	78,158	2.6393%	47,870
Lee	83,343	2.8144%	51,046
Madison	109,145	3.6857%	66,850
Jackson	143,252	4.8375%	87,740
Rankin	157,031	5.3028%	96,180
DeSoto	185,314	6.2579%	113,503
Harrison	208,621	7.0450%	127,780
Hinds	227,742	7.6907%	139,491
<b>Totals<sup>(7)</sup></b>	<b>2,961,279</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 1,905,500</b>



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
Trauma Care Trust Fund  
Funding Model for Medicaid Component  
July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

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**Notes**

- (1) Based on the United States Census Bureau 2020 census data for Mississippi as provided by Rule 1.3.5., Miss. Code Ann. §41-59-75.
- (2) Based on 15 percent of the net total available for distribution as presented on Schedule 1.
- (3) The total estimated Emergency Ground Ambulance Reimbursement Program match payment for the fiscal year is \$800,000. \$400,000 is estimated to be matched in each FY2026 distribution period; therefore, \$400,000 of the EMS funds will be held in a trust and paid to the Division of Medicaid to cover the cost of the Emergency Ground Ambulance Reimbursement Program for the period July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
- (4) Based on the combined population for counties with fewer than 15,000 inhabitants as a percentage of the total population for the state of Mississippi.
- (5) Based on a dedicated portion to result in less than or equal to the Disbursement received by the Large County with the population closest to or equal to 15,000 as provided by Rule 1.3.5., Miss. Code Ann. §41-59-75.
- (6) Calculated as the difference between total Medicaid component fund balance (a) less the small county population percentage (b) multiplied by the subject county's population percentage (c) less the subject county's population percentage (c) multiplied by the small county dedicated portion (d), and the subject county's population (e) as a percentage of total population (f) multiplied by the difference in total distribution (g) for all small counties less total distribution (g) for all small counties excluding the small county dedicated portion (d) as provided by Rule 1.3.5., Miss. Code Ann. §41-59-75:  
$$=(((a-b)*c)-(c*d))-((e/f)*(g-(g-d)))$$
- (7) Percentages in this report may contain rounding differences.



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Trauma Facility	Fixed Amount <sup>(4)</sup>	Variable Amount <sup>(2)</sup>	Total	Physician Payment <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>Level I:</b>				
Le Bonheur Children's Hospital	\$299,902	\$193,138	\$493,040	\$147,912
Regional One Medical Center - Memphis	299,902	505,527	805,429	241,629
University of Mississippi Medical Center	299,902	2,734,092	3,033,994	910,198
University of South Alabama	299,902	338,007	637,910	191,373
<b>Level II:</b>				
Forrest General Hospital	262,415	588,093	850,507	255,152
Memorial Hospital - Gulfport	262,415	212,976	475,391	142,617
North Mississippi Medical Center - Tupelo	262,415	618,302	880,716	264,215
<b>Level III:</b>				
Baptist Medical Center - Jackson	187,439	239,180	426,619	127,986
Baptist Memorial Hospital - Anderson	187,439	144,786	332,226	99,668
Baptist Memorial Hospital - Desoto	187,439	261,443	448,882	134,664
Baptist Memorial Hospital - Golden Triangle	187,439	249,859	437,299	131,190
Baptist Memorial Hospital North - Oxford	187,439	259,516	446,955	134,086
Delta Regional Medical Center	187,439	110,618	298,057	89,417
Magnolia Regional Health Center	187,439	154,913	342,352	102,706
Merit Health River Oaks	187,439	73,223	260,662	78,199
Merit Health Wesley	187,439	45,632	233,071	69,921
Ochsner Rush Hospital	187,439	172,935	360,374	108,112
Singing River Hospital - Gulfport	187,439	143,731	331,170	99,351
Singing River Hospital - Ocean Springs	187,439	269,444	456,883	137,065
Singing River Hospital - Pascagoula	187,439	226,094	413,533	124,060
South Central Regional Medical Center	187,439	143,491	330,930	99,279
<b>Totals<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$4,611,000</b>	<b>\$7,685,000</b>	<b>\$12,296,000</b>	<b>\$3,688,800</b>



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Notes

- (1) Please refer to Schedule 4.
- (2) Determined by calculating the severity percentage found in Schedule 5 by the hospital variable distribution total found in Schedule 1.
- (3) At a minimum, 30 percent of each total hospital payment shall fund the physician component for each Level I - III trauma center as provided in Rule 1.3.3, Miss. Code Ann. §41-59-5.
- (4) Percentages in this report may contain rounding differences.



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
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 Fixed Funding Distribution for Level I, II and III Hospitals  
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Hospital Fixed Distribution Total	\$	4,611,000
Level I Hospital Allocation		1,199,610
Level II Hospital Allocation		787,244
Level III Hospital Allocation		2,624,146

Trauma Facility	Relative Weight <sup>(1)</sup>	Distribution Percentage <sup>(1)</sup>	Fixed Distribution Allocation <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Level I:</b>			
Le Bonheur Children's Hospital	1.000	6.5041%	\$299,902
Regional One Medical Center - Memphis	1.000	6.5041%	299,902
University of Mississippi Medical Center	1.000	6.5041%	299,902
University of South Alabama	1.000	6.5041%	299,902
<b>Level I Hospital Totals <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>4.000</b>	<b>26.0163%</b>	<b>1,199,610</b>
<b>Level II:</b>			
Forrest General Hospital	0.875	5.6911%	262,415
Memorial Hospital - Gulfport	0.875	5.6911%	262,415
North Mississippi Medical Center - Tupelo	0.875	5.6911%	262,415
<b>Level II Hospital Totals <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>2.625</b>	<b>17.0732%</b>	<b>787,244</b>
<b>Level III:</b>			
Baptist Medical Center - Jackson	0.625	4.0650%	187,439
Baptist Memorial Hospital - Anderson	0.625	4.0650%	187,439
Baptist Memorial Hospital - Desoto	0.625	4.0650%	187,439
Baptist Memorial Hospital - Golden Triangle	0.625	4.0650%	187,439
Baptist Memorial Hospital North - Oxford	0.625	4.0650%	187,439
Delta Regional Medical Center	0.625	4.0650%	187,439
Magnolia Regional Health Center	0.625	4.0650%	187,439



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Fixed Funding Distribution for Level I, II and III Hospitals  
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Trauma Facility	Relative Weight <sup>(1)</sup>	Distribution Percentage <sup>(1)</sup>	Fixed Distribution Allocation <sup>(2)</sup>
Merit Health River Oaks	0.625	4.0650%	187,439
Merit Health Wesley	0.625	4.0650%	187,439
Ochsner Rush Hospital	0.625	4.0650%	187,439
Singing River Hospital - Gulfport	0.625	4.0650%	187,439
Singing River Hospital - Ocean Springs	0.625	4.0650%	187,439
Singing River Hospital - Pascagoula	0.625	4.0650%	187,439
South Central Regional Medical Center	0.625	4.0650%	187,439
<b>Level III Hospital Totals <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>8.750</b>	<b>56.9106%</b>	<b>2,624,146</b>
<b>Level I - III Hospital Totals <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>15.375</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,611,000</b>

Notes

- (1) Based on the relative weight for Level I - III trauma centers as provided in Rule 1.3.6, Miss. Code Ann. §41-59-75.
- (2) Based on each hospital's distribution percentage multiplied by Hospital Fixed Distribution Total as presented on Schedule 1.
- (3) Percentages in this report may contain rounding differences.



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
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 Injury Severity Score Summary for Level I, II and III Hospitals <sup>(4)</sup>  
 July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

Trauma Facility	A 1-9	Severity <sup>(2)</sup>	B 10-15	Severity <sup>(2)</sup>	C 16-24	Severity <sup>(2)</sup>	D >24	Severity <sup>(2)</sup>	Not Valued	A - D	Severity Totals <sup>(2)</sup>	Severity Percentage
<b>Level I:</b>												
Le Bonheur Children's Hospital	247	251.94	36	72.72	11	41.80	8	52.56	0	302	419.02	2.513%
Regional One Medical Center - Memphis	235	239.70	98	197.96	87	330.60	50	328.50	0	470	1,096.76	6.578%
University of Mississippi Medical Center	2,066	2,107.32	573	1,157.46	318	1,208.40	222	1,458.54	0	3,179	5,931.72	35.577%
University of South Alabama	135	137.70	62	125.24	65	247.00	34	223.38	0	296	733.32	4.398%
<b>Level II:</b>												
Forrest General Hospital	589	600.78	76	153.52	56	212.80	47	308.79	0	768	1,275.89	7.652%
Memorial Hospital - Gulfport	271	276.42	31	62.62	22	83.60	6	39.42	0	330	462.06	2.771%
North Mississippi Medical Center - Tupelo	615	627.30	153	309.06	53	201.40	31	203.67	0	852	1,341.43	8.046%
<b>Level III:</b>												
Baptist Medical Center - Jackson	364	371.28	25	50.50	10	38.00	9	59.13	0	408	518.91	3.112%
Baptist Memorial Hospital - Anderson	135	137.70	36	72.72	10	38.00	10	65.70	0	191	314.12	1.884%
Baptist Memorial Hospital - Desoto	396	403.92	42	84.84	12	45.60	5	32.85	0	455	567.21	3.402%
Baptist Memorial Hospital - Golden Triangle	351	358.02	35	70.70	16	60.80	8	52.56	0	410	542.08	3.251%
Baptist Memorial Hospital North - Oxford	414	422.28	31	62.62	5	19.00	9	59.13	0	459	563.03	3.377%
Delta Regional Medical Center	123	125.46	17	34.34	9	34.20	7	45.99	0	156	239.99	1.439%
Magnolia Regional Health Center	153	156.06	39	78.78	18	68.40	5	32.85	0	215	336.09	2.016%
Merit Health River Oaks	130	132.60	13	26.26	0	-	0	-	0	143	158.86	0.953%
Merit Health Wesley	74	75.48	6	12.12	3	11.40	0	-	0	83	99.00	0.594%
Ochsner Rush Hospital	233	237.66	20	40.40	10	38.00	9	59.13	0	272	375.19	2.250%
Singing River Hospital - Gulfport	215	219.30	21	42.42	8	30.40	3	19.71	0	247	311.83	1.870%
Singing River Hospital - Ocean Springs	416	424.32	47	94.94	12	45.6	3	19.71	0	478	584.57	3.506%
Singing River Hospital - Pascagoula	324	330.48	38	76.76	15	57.00	4	26.28	0	381	490.52	2.942%
South Central Regional Medical Center	126	128.52	33	66.66	15	57	9	59.13	0	183	311.31	1.867%
<b>Totals<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>7,612</b>	<b>7,764.24</b>	<b>1,432</b>	<b>2,892.64</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>2,869.00</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>3,147.03</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,278</b>	<b>16,672.91</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



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Injury Severity Score Summary for Level I, II and III Hospitals <sup>(1)</sup>  
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**Notes**

- (1) Based on injury severity scores for patients in the trauma registry during the period July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 as provided by ACS.  
(2) Based on Injury Severity Score weightings as provided in Rule 1.3.7, Miss. Code Ann. §41-59-75.

ISS Severity Score	Severity Index
1 - 9	1.02
10 - 15	2.02
16 - 24	3.80
> 24	6.57

- (3) Percentages in this report may contain rounding differences.



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Burn Center Distribution <sup>(1)</sup>

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Burn Center	Patient Count <sup>(2)</sup>	Allocation Percentage	Distribution Payment
Regional One Health Firefighters Burn Center	6	3.53%	\$ 27,124
Mississippi Baptist Medical Center - Jackson	157	92.35%	709,732
University of Mississippi Medical Center - Burn	7	4.12%	31,644
University of South Alabama	0	0.00%	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 768,500</b>

Notes

- (1) 5 percent of the amount reserved for distribution to hospitals shall be distributed to designated burn centers within the Trauma System. If more than one burn center is operating within the system, the 5% will be distributed based on a pro-rata share of patients as determined by Trauma Registry inputs, as provided in Rule 1.3.8, Miss. Code Ann. §41-59-75.
- (2) Based on burn patients in the trauma registry during the period July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 for the Burn Centers.



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
Trauma Care Trust Fund  
Level IV Administration Support - Annual Stipend  
July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

Hospital	County	Fixed Amount
<b>Level IV:</b>		
Baptist Medical Center - Attala	Attala	\$ 10,000
Baptist Memorial Hospital Yazoo	Yazoo	10,000
Baptist Memorial Hospital - Booneville	Prentiss	10,000
Baptist Memorial Hospital - Calhoun	Calhoun	10,000
Baptist Memorial Hospital - Leake	Leake	10,000
Baptist Memorial Hospital - Union County	Union	10,000
Bolivar Medical Center	Bolivar	10,000
Choctaw Regional Medical Center	Choctaw	10,000
Claiborne County Medical Center	Claiborne	10,000
Copiah County Medical Center	Copiah	10,000
Covington County Hospital	Covington	10,000
Delta Health - Northwest Regional	Coahoma	10,000
Field Memorial Hospital	Wilkinson	10,000
Franklin County Memorial Hospital	Franklin	10,000
George Regional Hospital	George	10,000
Greene County Hospital	Greene	10,000
Greenwood LeFlore Hospital	Leflore	10,000
Highland Community Hospital	Pearl River	10,000
Highland Hills Medical Center	Tate	10,000
Jefferson County Rural Emergency Hospital <sup>(4)</sup>	Jefferson	-
Jefferson Davis Community Hospital	Jefferson Davis	10,000
King's Daughters Medical Center - Brookhaven	Lincoln	10,000
Lawrence County Hospital	Lawrence	10,000
Magee General Hospital	Simpson	10,000
Marion General Hospital	Marion	10,000
Memorial Hospital at Stone County	Stone	10,000
Merit Health Biloxi, Suspended July, 2024 <sup>(2)</sup>	Harrison	-
Merit Health Central	Hinds	10,000



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Hospital	County	Fixed Amount
Merit Health Natchez	Adams	10,000
Merit Health Rankin	Rankin	10,000
Merit Health River Region	Warren	10,000
Methodist Health Care - Olive Branch	DeSoto	10,000
Monroe Regional	Monroe	10,000
Neshoba County General Hospital	Neshoba	10,000
North Mississippi Medical Center - Gilmore/Amory	Monroe	10,000
North Mississippi Medical Center - Eupora	Webster	10,000
North Mississippi Medical Center - Iuka	Tishomingo	10,000
North Mississippi Medical Center - Pontotoc	Pontotoc	10,000
North Mississippi Medical Center - West Point	Clay	10,000
North Sunflower Medical Center	Sunflower	10,000
Noxubee General Hospital	Noxubee	10,000
Ochsner Laird Hospital	Newton	10,000
Ochsner Medical Center - Hancock	Hancock	10,000
Ochsner Scott Regional Hospital	Scott	10,000
Ochsner Stennis Hospital	Kemper	10,000
Ochsner Watkins Hospital	Clarke	10,000
Panola Medical Center	Panola	10,000
Pearl River Community Hospital	Pearl River	10,000
Perry County Hospital	Perry	10,000
Quitman Community Hospital	Quitman	10,000
S.E. Lackey Memorial Hospital	Scott	10,000
Sharkey Issaquena Community Hospital	Sharkey	10,000
Simpson General Hospital	Simpson	10,000
South Sunflower County Hospital	Sunflower	10,000
Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center	Pike	10,000
St. Dominic Jackson Memorial Hospital	Hinds	10,000
Tallahatchie General Hospital	Tallahatchie	10,000



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Hospital	County	Fixed Amount
Tippah County Hospital	Tippah	10,000
Tyler Holmes Memorial Hospital	Montgomery	10,000
University of Mississippi Medical Center - Grenada	Grenada	10,000
UMMC Madison	Madison	10,000
University - Holmes County	Holmes	10,000
Walthall County General Hospital	Walthall	10,000
Wayne General Hospital	Wayne	10,000
Winston Medical Center	Winston	10,000
Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025) Level IV Distribution <sup>(3)</sup>		<u>\$ 630,000</u>

Notes

- (1) Based on Rule 1.3.4, Miss. Code Ann. §41-59-5, trauma centers receive the stipend after completing one year of participation in the Mississippi Trauma System. Jefferson County Rural Emergency Hospital was designated April 21, 2025 and thus will not receive the level IV trauma center stipend in this distribution period.
- (2) Merit Health Biloxi was suspended in July of 2024 and is no longer a trauma center; therefore, we have not included them in this period's distribution of Level IV stipend funds.
- (3) Each of the Level IV Trauma Centers receive an annual \$10,000 stipend per fiscal year, as provided in Rule 1.3.4, Miss. Code Ann. §41-59-5.

