

Executive Director Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation, Inc.

To: All Trauma System facilities, services and instructors.

Date: September 9, 2026

Subject: Education Reimbursement is Suspended

Notification: Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation (MTCSF) must suspend reimbursement request for all educational offering typically paid by MTCSF effective immediately and until further notice. This includes, but not limited to, TNCC, ENPC, ATLS, ABLIS, PHTLS. This includes all preapproved courses not completed to date.

The MTCSF has been committed to providing an unfragmented statewide education network for emergency medical services and all level trauma centers for more than six years. As most of you know, our ability to reimburse these classes is provided through a grant from the Mississippi State Department of Health. The grant is awarded each year. This year our contract expired on August 7, 2026. In good faith and to support the trauma system, the MTCSF Board of Directors approved the continuation of scheduled August classes and to pay for these classes at our expense, but in anticipation that MSDH would provide reimbursement for these required courses. We have not been given any assurance these August Courses will be reimbursed to the trauma foundation by MSDH Acute Care Systems.

The new contract is pending, and other agencies have submitted bids. MTCSF has been advised by leadership at MSDH not to hold any courses or provide any work outside of the contract dates. If you have September courses scheduled, even if preapproved, we do not have the funds or authority to reimburse you. You are advised to reschedule for a later date. Should we be awarded the grant and the start date includes September, I will drop this temporary suspension and return to business as usual. Reimbursement questions should be directed to the Mississippi State Department of Health.

I regret this significant impact on your schedule. I hope to work through this as we have in the past. I will follow up with updates as soon as they become available.

Sincerely,

John Gardner, Director MTCSF