

# West Virginia State Trauma System

## Trauma Centers

Trauma care facilities are an integral aspect of traumatic injury care. Access to a Level I trauma center reduces the risk of death by 25 percent among severely injured patients. Severely injured patients more than one hour from a trauma center are at an increased risk of death.

## Trauma Centers in West Virginia

<b>Designated by</b>	Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources
<b>Site visit required for designation</b>	Yes
<b>Fee required for designation</b>	Yes
<b>Designation requirements based on American College of Surgeon Standards</b>	Yes (in part)
<b>Total Designated Trauma Centers in State</b>	33

For more information about trauma centers, please see NCSL's ["The Right Patient, the Right Place, the Right Time."](#)

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## Trauma Registries

Like disease registries, trauma registries are used to collect information about demographic characteristics, treatments and clinical outcomes to monitor and evaluate the many aspects of the trauma system. These data can be used to help improve patient care in the future.

## West Virginia Trauma Registry

<b>Trauma registry established in statute</b>	Yes (W.Va. Code §55-7B9c)
<b>Who is required to submit data?</b>	Trauma Centers Only
<b>Trauma registry integrated with pre-hospital data?</b>	Optional, but not required.

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## Trauma and Emergency Medical Service Funding in West Virginia

Each state provides financial support for the trauma system in a unique way. Thirty states fund the trauma system and the EMS system separately, while 10 states provide joint funding for both trauma and EMS. For

states that fund trauma and EMS separately, the amount of support for the two groups is rarely equal. Below is a list of the state based funding mechanism for both trauma and EMS.

<b>Trauma System</b>	General fund appropriation.
<b>EMS System</b>	General fund appropriation.

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