April 2018

**TETAFL Texas Perinatal Services Program Launches Maternal Care Survey Line**

On March 28, TETAFL officially launched our maternal care survey line through our Texas Perinatal Services program.

Utilizing experienced maternal care physicians and nurses actively practicing in Texas, we now provide verification survey services for all levels of maternal care designation in Texas.

On March 1, the state officially adopted the maternal care designation rules, which can be found online.

"We are proud to work with hospitals as they seek to deliver the highest quality healthcare for mothers and babies," said Vice President of Operations Brenda Putz.

The Texas Perinatal Services program has been providing NICU verification surveys since 2016. Hospitals utilizing Texas Perinatal Services for both their NICU and maternal care surveys may qualify for a discount of $500.

To sign up for our perinatal services newsletters and other important updates click here.
**Contract Funding**

Due to the work of many of TETAF's supporters, and urging by state lawmakers, DSHS has announced they will honor the full contract funding to the RACs, as intended by state lawmakers.

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**National Stop the Bleed Day**

On March 31, trauma and emergency healthcare leaders around the nation recognized "National Stop the Bleed Day" with bleeding control courses and educational outreach.

Hospitals, EMS providers and RACs large and small have embraced the charge to teach bystanders how to control bleeding in an emergency. Even the Texas Governor has recognized the importance of this life-saving campaign!

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**TETAF Trains 70 in North Texas**

TETAF recently traveled to North Texas to provide our popular Hospital Data Management Course at Medical City North Hills. 70 students attended this educational class designed to improve the skill sets of the data entry specialist at designated trauma facilities. Interested in [hosting the next course](#) in your region?

[Learn More](#)
April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Despite a statewide texting ban, distracted driving is still a major cause of trauma in Texas. TETAF encourages all stakeholders to spread the word on common driving distractions this month.

Help Us Grow on Social Media!

Communicate with TETAF online via our social media accounts:

- facebook.com/tetaf.org
- twitter.com/tetaf_org
- facebook.com/texasperinatalservices -- NEW!
TETAF SPOTLIGHT: Congratulations to CHRISTUS St. Elizabeth in Beaumont for being re-designated as a level III trauma center with zero deficiencies!

Nominate a RAC, EMS provider or hospital for TETAF’s spotlight section [here].

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 8**  TETAF Board Meeting (Austin)
- **May 8**  Texas Trauma Coordinator's Forum (Austin)
- **May 9-11**  Governor's EMS & Trauma Advisory Council (Austin)
- **May 10**  Texas TQIP Collaborative Meeting (Austin)