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7 RULE §157.122 Trauma Service Areas  
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9 (a) Trauma service areas (TSAs) are established for descriptive and  
10 planning purposes and not for the purpose of restricting patient referral.  
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12 (b) The state has been geographically divided by counties into 22 TSAs;  
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15 (1) counties may request the department to re-align them to another  
16 TSA per the process in subsection (d) of this section;  
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18 (2) each TSA shall have at least one advanced Level III ~~[a lead]~~ general  
19 trauma facility or higher within its boundaries or the department ~~[bureau]~~  
20 may re-align the counties in that TSA to other TSAs which have such a  
21 facility;  
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23 (3) each TSA shall be multi-county with no fewer than three Texas counties;  
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26 (4) a TSA may include areas from other states or countries.  
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28 (c) The counties included in the 22 TSAs are grouped as follows  
29 (updated lists will be maintained by the Texas Department of State  
30 Health Services, Office of EMS/Trauma Systems ~~[bureau]~~):  
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32 (1) Area A - Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Childress, Collingsworth,  
33 Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill,  
34 Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter,  
35 Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Wheeler;  
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37 (2) Area B - Bailey, Borden, Castro, Cochran, Cottle, Crosby, Dawson,  
38 Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Kent, King, Lamb, Lubbock,  
39 Lynn, Motley, Scurry, Terry, Yoakum;  
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41 (3) Area C - Archer, Baylor, Clay, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Montague,  
42 Wichita, Wilbarger, Young;  
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44 (4) Area D - Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher,  
45 Haskell, Jones, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall,

- 46 Taylor, Throckmorton;  
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48 (5) Area E - Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Fannin,  
49 Grayson, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker,  
50 Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant, Wise;  
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52 (6) Area F - Bowie, Cass, Delta, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, Titus;  
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54 (7) Area G - Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Franklin, Freestone, Gregg,  
55 Harrison, Henderson, Houston, Marion, Panola, Raines, Rusk, Shelby,  
56 Smith, Trinity, Upshur, Van Zandt, Wood;  
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58 (8) Area H - Angelina, Nacogdoches, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine,  
59 San Jacinto, Tyler;  
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61 (9) Area I - Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth;  
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63 (10) Area J - Andrews, Brewster, Crane, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Jeff  
64 Davis, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Ward,  
65 Winkler;  
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67 (11) Area K - Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch,  
68 Menard, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green;  
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70 (12) Area L - Bell, Coryell, [~~Falls,~~] Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills;  
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72 (13) Area M - Bosque, Falls, Hill, Limestone, McLennan;  
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74 (14) Area N - Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson,  
75 Washington;  
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77 (15) Area O - Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano,  
78 San Saba, Travis, Williamson;  
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80 (16) Area P - Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Dimmit, Edwards, Frio,  
81 Gillespie, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, La Salle,  
82 Maverick, Medina, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Wilson, Zavala;  
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84 (17) Area Q - Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Harris, Matagorda,  
85 Montgomery, Walker, Waller, Wharton;  
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87 (18) Area R - Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Hardin, Jasper,  
88 Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange;  
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90 (19) Area S - Calhoun, Dewitt, Goliad, Jackson, Lavaca, Victoria;

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92 (20) Area T - Jim Hogg, Webb, Zapata;

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94 (21) Area U - Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live  
95 Oak, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio; and

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97 (22) Area V - Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Willacy.

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99 (d) The realignment of a county may be initiated by the department ~~[bureau]~~  
100 or at the request of either the county government, a licensed health care  
101 facility, or a licensed emergency medical services (EMS) provider in that  
102 county.

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104 (1) The requesting entity should forward correspondence to the Office of  
105 EMS/Trauma Systems ~~[bureau]~~ specifying:

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107 (A) reason(s) for realignment request;

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109 (B) existing patient routing patterns used by both EMS providers and  
110 health care facilities, including distances and transport times involved in  
111 this patient routing;

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113 (C) all entities affected by ~~[included in]~~ the request ~~[and a listing of~~  
114 ~~all other licensed health care facilities and licensed EMS providers in the~~  
115 ~~county]~~; and

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117 (D) documentation that the receiving regional advisory council (RAC) is  
118 amenable to the re- alignment.

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120 (2) Copies of the correspondence should be forwarded by the requesting  
121 party to all impacted RACs, county governments, licensed health care  
122 facilities/EMS providers in the county, and the Office of EMS/Trauma  
123 Systems ~~[appropriate Texas Department of Health regional EMS office]~~.

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125 (3) The department ~~[bureau]~~ will evaluate the request based on the  
126 impact to patient care and will notify all parties of the decision.

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128 (4) The department's decision regarding realignment will be  
129 communicated to all affected entities.