



Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council EMS County Fund Reimbursement Policy

The Office of EMS/Trauma Systems (OEMS/TS) manages the EMS Allotment/Allocation (also referred as **EMS/County fund**). The funding consists of:

- Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care System Account (911 fund);
- Emergency Medical Services, Trauma Facilities, and Trauma Care System Fund (1131 fund); and
- Designated Trauma Facility and Emergency Medical Services Fund (3588 fund).

Funding is dependent on the amount of money available in the accounts and calculation of the funding formula. The formula includes a trauma service area's geographic size, its population, and the number of eligible emergency healthcare runs (trauma and medical) submitted to the DSHS State EMS/Trauma Registry. Funds are then disbursed through Regional Advisory Councils (RAC) which determines how much funding an EMS Provider may receive through the RAC distribution plan.

The Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council (BVRAC) distribution plan reimburses eligible EMS Providers based on total allocations per county divided equally by the number of eligible EMS providers for that county as presented in DSHS's contract with BVRAC.

BVRAC will fulfill the responsibilities and requirements set forth in the contractual Statement of Work (SOW) in addition to inform eligible EMS Providers:

- Allocations as per the BVRAC Distribution Plan
- Quarterly reminders and status updates
- Notification on eligible and non-eligible reimbursement requirements
- Dates when BVRAC will begin and stop accepting reimbursement requests
- Amend the BVRAC Distribution Plan to reallocate EMS Provider allocations should EMS Providers not be able to utilize the full amount, be deemed non-responsive, or non-compliant to deadlines set forth by BVRAC. Unused reimbursements will be offered to an EMS Provider within the same county first then to another county should the same county not be able to use the allocations.

BVRAC eligible EMS Providers will comply with requirements presented in the SOW in addition to:

- Submit reimbursement requests no later than 60 days prior to the stated DSHS end of contract period for EMS County funds.
- Notify BVRAC at earliest opportunity if unable to meet the reimbursement requirements so that funds can be disseminated to other EMS Providers
- Adhere to BVRAC policy

BVRAC is committed to supporting all eligible BVRAC EMS Providers in ensuring the EMS County fund reimbursements are processed in a quick and timely manner. Providers should contact BVRAC staff on any questions or assistance in regards to EMS County. Additional information can be found at

<https://dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/sb102elig.shtm?terms=ems%20county%20fund>

EMS County Funds are 100% pass-through to eligible EMS Providers.