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Interpretative Guidelines

SUBJECT: Trauma Center Rule 0720-22-.04(2)(b)1i. All physicians must be physically present in the ED 24 hours a day

DATE: February 11, 2026

INTERPRETATION: For all levels of trauma centers, “All physicians must be physically present in the ED 24 hours a day” is meant to confirm that the ED physician is immediately available in the facility so they can respond quickly to a trauma and to confirm that no gaps in coverage occur.

If the amendment to Trauma Center Rule 0720-22 does not go into effect on May, 6 2026, this interpretive guidance will not go into effect. Otherwise, this interpretive guidance shall be effective on May 6 2026 and will remain in effect until, modified or rescinded by the Board/Commission.