

**TITLE 310. OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
CHAPTER 669. TRAUMA CARE ASSISTANCE REVOLVING FUND**

**RULEMAKING ACTION:**

EMERGENCY adoption

**RULES:**

Subchapter 1. General Provisions  
310:669-1-3 [AMENDED]

**AUTHORITY:**

Oklahoma State Board of Health; 63 O.S. Section 1-104 et seq.;  
and Title 63 O.S. Section 1-2530.9.

**DATES:**

**Public Hearing:**

April 9, 2009

**Adoption:**

April 9, 2009

**Effective:**

Immediately upon the Governor's approval

**Expiration:**

Effective through July 14, 2010, unless superseded by another  
rule or disapproved by the Legislature.

**SUPERSEDED EMERGENCY ACTIONS:**

"N/A"

**INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE:**

"N/A"

**FINDING OF EMERGENCY:**

The analysis conducted upon the release of the final report by the OSDH Internal Auditing Division on April 9, 2009 revealed that if the rule language at 310:669-1-3 is strictly interpreted, all licensed ground ambulance services in the state of Oklahoma, with the exception of two urban and one rural services, would be excluded from participation in the fund and many rural hospitals would also be excluded. Removal of this restrictive language is critical to the successful application of the Trauma Care Assistance Revolving Fund to develop and support a sustainable trauma system in Oklahoma. If the proposed rule is not implemented, there will likely be a significant disincentive for smaller, mostly rural hospitals and ambulance services to engage and participate in the state's developing trauma system.

**ANALYSIS:**

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to delete the language specifying the manner that distribution calculations of the pro rata share are computed to ensure that smaller, primarily rural, distribution entities are not excluded in participation of the fund. The analysis conducted upon the release of the final report by the OSDH Internal Auditing

Division on April 9, 2009 revealed that if the rule language at 310:669-1-3 is strictly interpreted, all licensed ground ambulance services in the state of Oklahoma, with the exception of two urban and one rural services, would be excluded from participation in the fund and many rural hospitals would also be excluded. Removal of this restrictive language is critical to the successful application of the Trauma Care Assistance Revolving Fund to develop and support a sustainable trauma system in Oklahoma.

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**PURSUANT TO THE ACTIONS DESCRIBED HEREIN, THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY RULES ARE CONSIDERED PROMULGATED AND EFFECTIVE UPON APPROVAL BY THE GOVERNOR AS SET FORTH IN 75 O.S., SECTION 253(D):**

**SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**310:669-1-3. Rounding of numbers**

The Department shall:

(1) Take the pro rata distributions to the second decimal point or hundredths place (.00) by rounding back from the third or thousandths place (.000); and

~~(2) Take the fraction for distribution calculations to the third decimal point or thousandths place (.000) by rounding back from the fourth or ten-thousandths place (.0000).~~