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Designation Unit

Perinatal Advisory Council Meeting

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Maternal Rule Update

May 1st, 2023
All facilities are surveyed with the adopted rules



Neonatal Rule Update

Neonatal Proposed Rules:

- June 16th, 2023 – Adopted Rule will be published in the Texas Register.
- DSHS will send the Texas Register link to stakeholders when available.
- January 1st, 2024 – Facilities will be surveyed to the new rules.

DSHS Update

Survey Guidelines:

- October 1st, 2023 – Application Deadline for Survey Organizations to be a DSHS-Approved Survey Organization
- January 1st, 2024 – Implementation of Survey Guidelines by Survey Organizations

System Performance Improvement Plan

- Opportunities
 - Maternal
 - Neonatal
 - System Related

Applications to the Appeal Panel

- Applications Received – 2 Physicians, 1 Registered Nurse
- Extending Deadline to August 1st, 2023
- Link to Application:
<https://forms.office.com/r/16zcxip4EK>
- Submit Applications to:
DSHS.EMS-TRAUMA@dshs.texas.gov

Perinatal Appeal Review Panel
Application



Designation Update

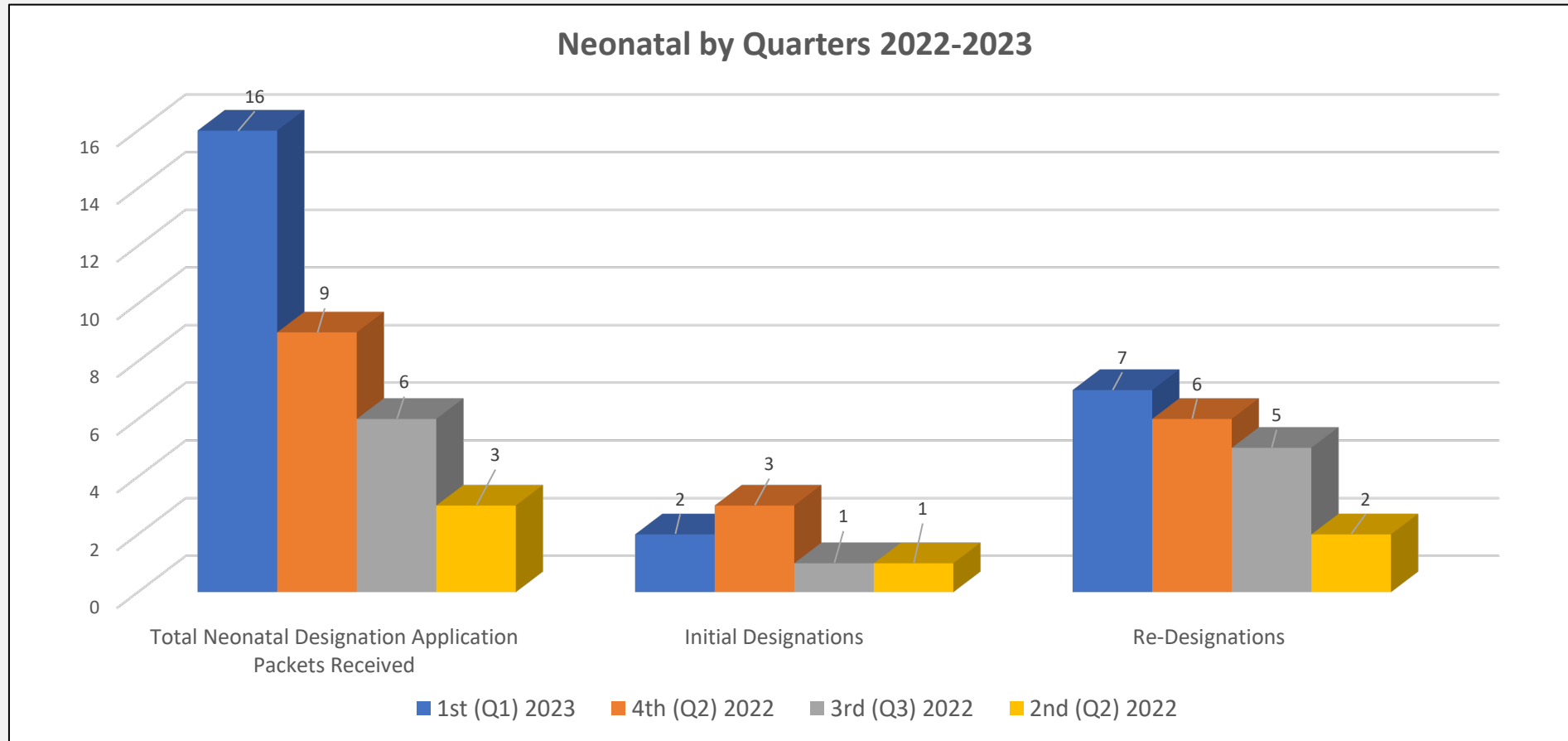
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Designation Unit Performance

Designated Neonatal Facilities	1st Quarter 2023	4th Quarter 2022	3rd Quarter 2022	2nd Quarter 2022
Total	226	227	227	227
Level IV	22	22	22	22
Level III	74	73	73	73
Level II	51	52	52	50
Level I	79	80	80	82

Neonatal Designation Data



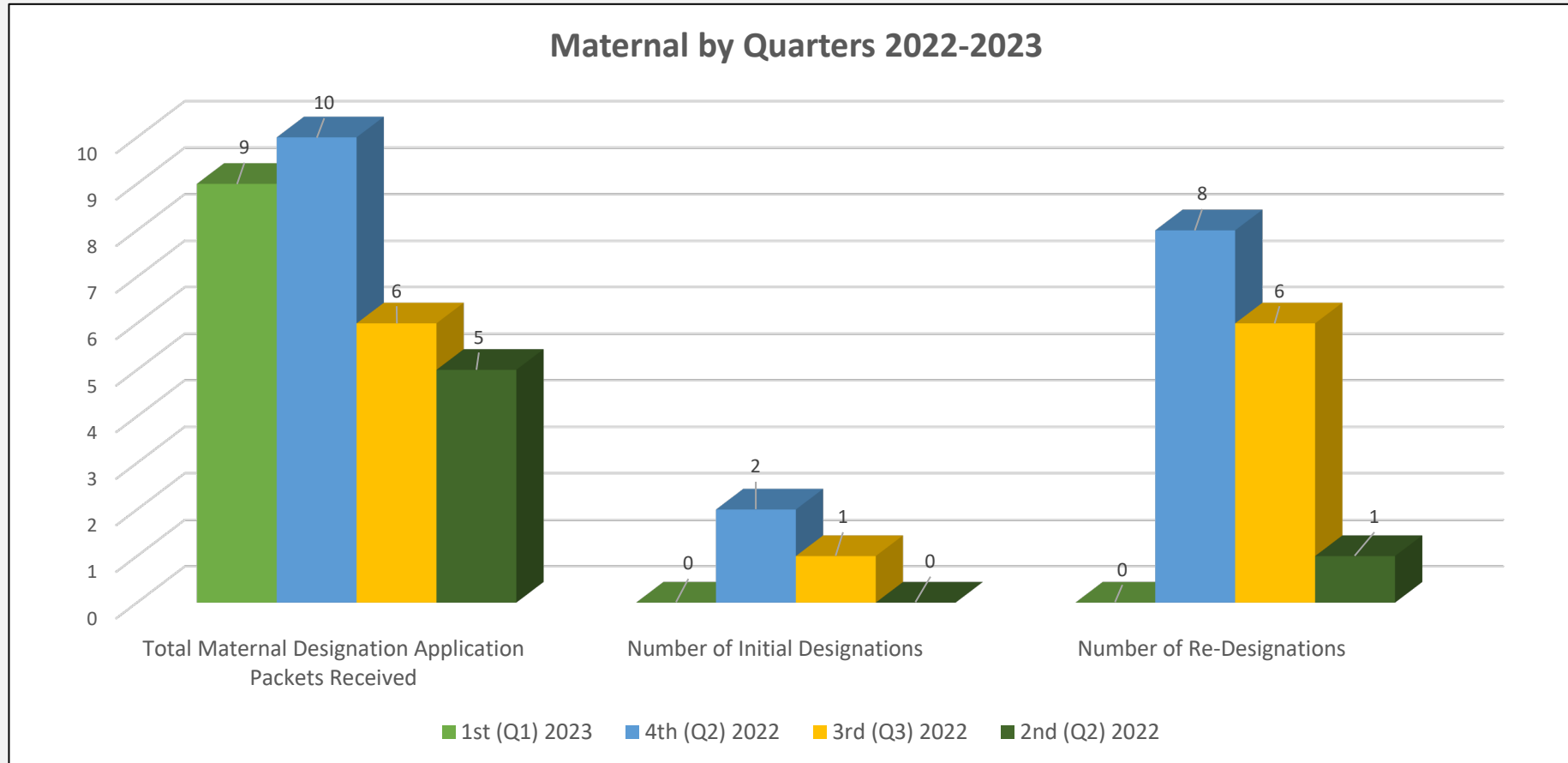
Neonatal Designation Performance

Calendar Year Neonatal	2023	2022	2022	2022
Reporting Quarter 2022-2023	1st QTR	4th QTR	3rd QTR	2nd QTR
Facilities Designated at a Higher Level	2	3	1	0
Facilities Designated at a Lower Level	0	0	0	0
Contingent Designations, Waivers, Exceptions, Appeals, Denials	0	0	0	0
Designations Completed within 30 days (Average 28.4 days)	6	3	6	1

Designation Unit Performance

Designated Maternal Facilities	1st Quarter 2023	4th Quarter 2023	3rd Quarter 2022	2nd Quarter 2022
Total	221	222	222	222
Level IV	32	32	32	32
Level III	44	44	44	44
Level II	92	93	93	93
Level I	53	53	53	53

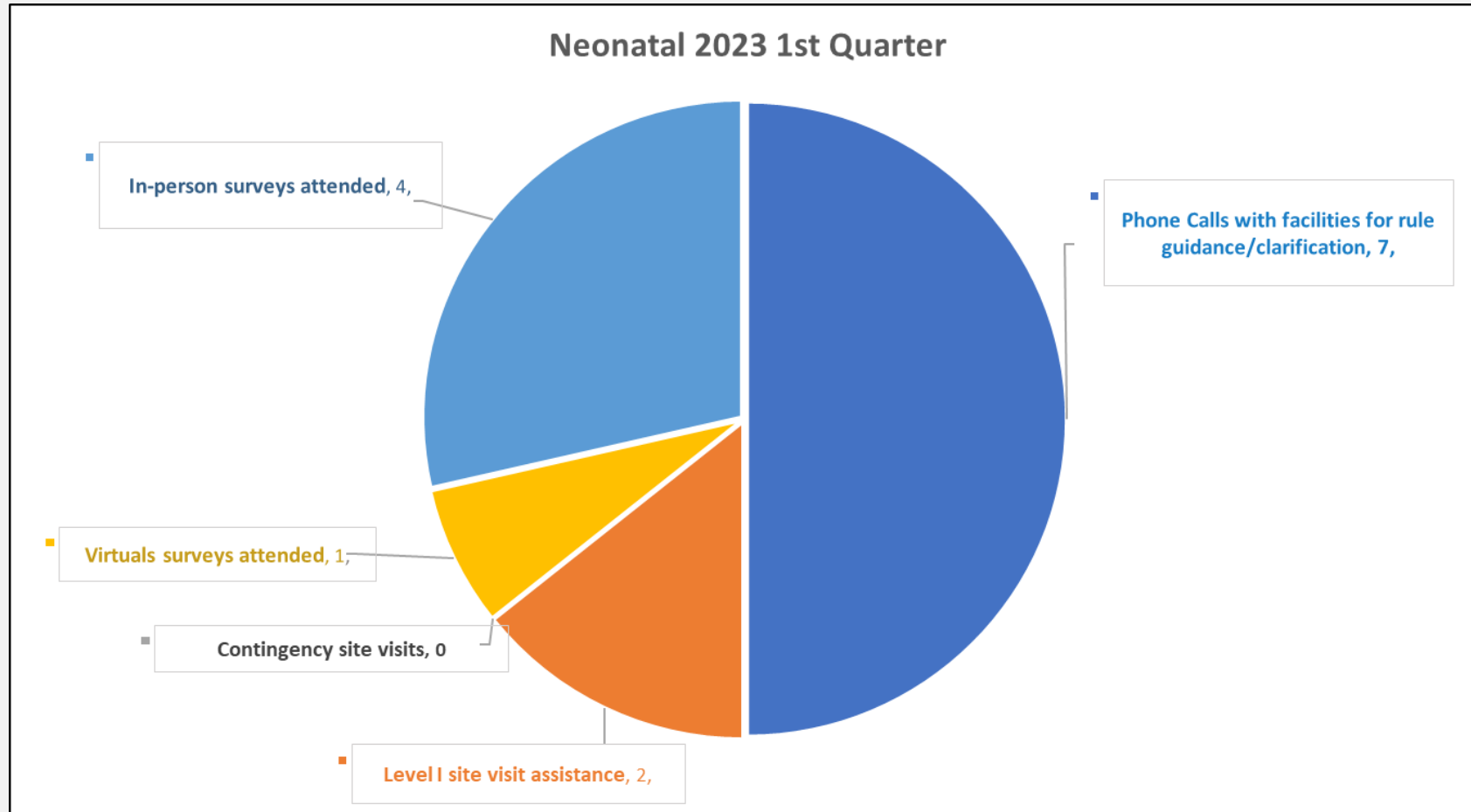
Maternal Designation Data



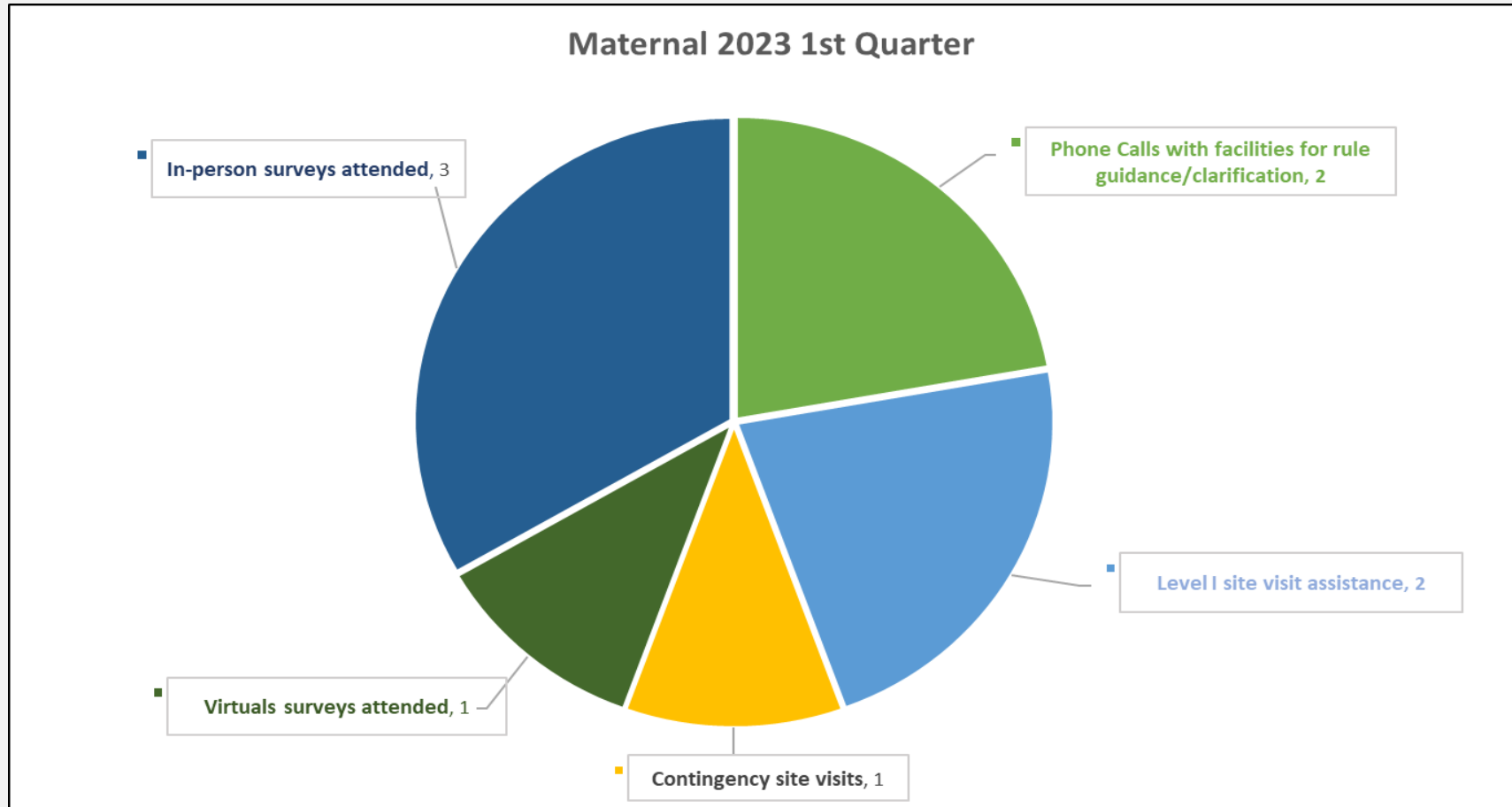
Maternal Designation Performance

Calendar Year Maternal	2023	2022	2022	2022
Reporting Quarter 2022-2023	1st QTR	4th QTR	3rd QTR	2nd QTR
Facilities Designated at a Higher Level	0	1	1	0
Facilities Designated at a Lower Level	0	0	0	0
Contingent Designations, Waivers, Exceptions, Appeals, Denials	0	0	0	0
Designations Completed within 30 days (Average 28.4 days)	0	5	6	1

Neonatal Designation Data



Maternal Designation Data



Designation Unit Performance

Reporting Quarter	Maternal 1st Quarter 2023	Maternal 4th Quarter 2022	Neonatal 1st Quarter 2023	Neonatal 4th Quarter 2022
Phone Calls with facilities for rule guidance/clarification	2	19	7	15
Level I site visit assistance	2	7	2	5
Contingency site visits	1	11	0	16
Virtual surveys attended	1	0	1	1
In-person surveys attended	3	0	4	4

Report Designation Role Staffing Changes

- Facility staffing changes for the *Program Manager, Medical Director,* and *CEO/Administrator* must be reported within **10 days of change**.
- Let us know if your phone number or email address changes by completing the form by accessing the below link.
- Complete the *Facility Personnel Update Form* to notify DSHS of your staffing changes:

<https://forms.office.com/r/TTb97Cbsqm>

TMHP Claims Reimbursement

Best Practices:

- Verify and Include NPI/TPI
- Use exact same facility physical address for CMS and HHSC Health Facility License

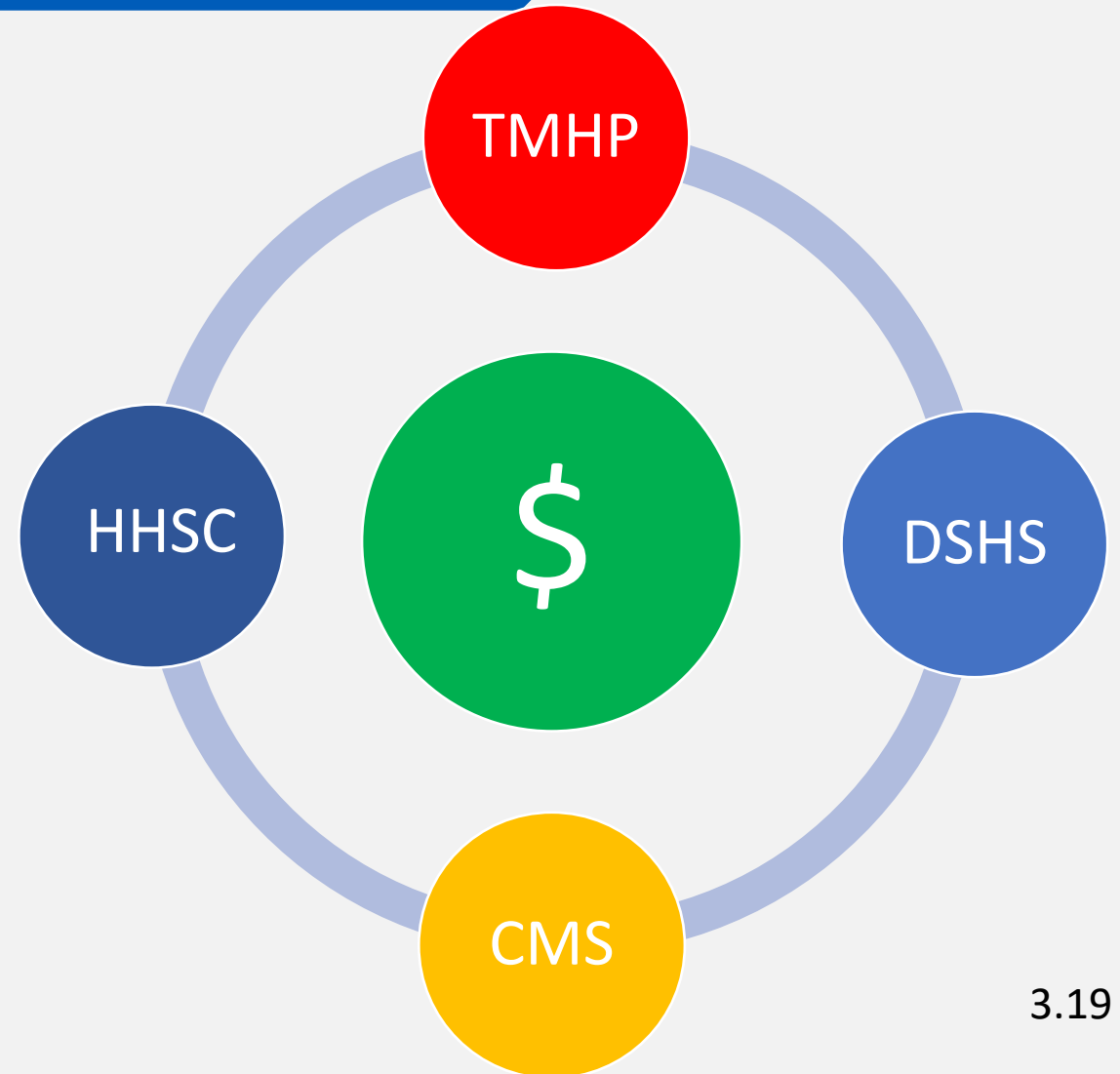
CMS:

123 West Timbers **Avenue**, Austin, Texas 78758

HHSC:

123 W Timbers **Ave**, Austin, Texas 78758

Must match exactly



Need a meeting invitation?

- Our monthly designation meetings are specific to your role in the designation process
- Collaborate in an open and friendly discussion online
- Receive rule updates and clarifications
- Gain information and resources
- Q & A
- Email DSHS.EMS-TRAUMA@DSHS.TEXAS.GOV to receive a meeting invitation
- Please do not share the meeting invite info with others



Thank you!

DSHS EMS/Trauma Systems Section

Designation Programs Unit