



# **Presentation to House Interim Committee on General Revenue Dedicated Fund Balances**

## **GR Account 5137– Regional Trauma**

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# Creation of the Regional Trauma Account No. 5137

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- Authorized in House Bill 1623, Senate Bill 1119, & House Bill 3107 - 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, 2007.
- Created to fund uncompensated care of designated trauma facilities and county and regional emergency medical services and for administration in § 782, Health and Safety Code.
- Funded by 50 percent of civil or administrative penalties collected by a local authority for violation under a photographic traffic signal enforcement system pursuant to §§ 542.406 and 707.007 of the Transportation Code.
- Collected by the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

## Eligible Facilities –

- Designated trauma facilities and county and regional emergency medical services that are located in the service area of the local authority that submitted the penalties collected for violations under a photographic traffic signal enforcement system.

## Allocation of Funds -

- 96% funds a portion of the uncompensated trauma care provided at facilities designated as state trauma facilities by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS);
- 2% funds county and regional emergency medical services
- 1% distributed to the 22 trauma service area regional advisory councils; and
- 1% funds administrative costs at the commission.



# History of the Regional Trauma Account No. 5137

Fiscal Year	Penalties Collected	Appropriated to HHSC	Expended by HHSC
2008	\$ 3,860,001	\$ -	\$ -
2009	\$ 9,383,429	\$ 13,395,992	\$ 13,395,992
2010	\$ 17,511,625	\$ -	\$ -
2011	\$ 13,758,310	\$ -	\$ -
2012	\$ 16,663,370	\$ -	\$ -

**Fund Balance as of October 31, 2012: \$48,946,956**

(includes interest earned in addition to the penalties deposited in Account 5137)

**Source:** Comptroller of Public Accounts for Penalties Collected & HHSC for Expenditures

## **FY 2009 Expenditures**

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- HHSC was granted appropriation authority only for FY 2009 – House Bill 4586, Supplemental Appropriations Bill, 81<sup>st</sup> Legislature, 2009.
- HHSC contracted with DSHS to reimburse uncompensated trauma care, as the \$13,395,992 had to be expended by August 31, 2009 and DSHS had payment infrastructure and rules in place for these types of facilities.
- DSHS paid 138 hospitals and trauma systems for uncompensated trauma care.