



TRAUMA CENTER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Trauma and EMS Programs Authorized Under the Public Health Service Act

The Public Health Service Act (Sections 1201-4, 1211-32, 1241-46 and 1281-2) authorizes a total of \$224 million in funding for trauma and emergency medical services programs and activities. These provisions of law received strong bipartisan support over the many years of their development and are summarized below:

National Trauma Center Stabilization Act. The *National Trauma Center Stabilization Act* includes two grant programs:

- ⇒ Trauma Care Center Grants. \$100 million per year for federal grants to trauma centers to provide operating funds to maintain their core missions, compensate for losses from uncompensated care and provide emergency awards to centers at risk of closure.
- ⇒ Trauma Service Availability Grants. \$100 million per year channeled through the States to address shortfalls in trauma services and improve access to and the availability of trauma care.

Trauma Care Systems Planning and Development Act. The *Trauma Care Systems Planning and Development Act* is authorized at \$24 million for the following programs:

- ⇒ Trauma Care Systems Planning Grants. \$12 million per year for Trauma Care Systems Planning grants to support state development of trauma systems.
- ⇒ Regionalization of Emergency Care Systems. \$12 million per year for pilot projects to design, implement and evaluate innovative models of regionalized emergency care systems.