

# **TCES New Medical Verification Regulations and Rule Changes:**

## **Terminology Changes:**

**1: Tree Climber** shall change to **Tree Surgeon**

**2: PHC technician** shall change to **Tree Doctor**

**3: Bidder** shall change to **Tree Nurse**

**4: Tree Crews** shall change to **Medical Crews**

**5:** Anytime someone climbs a tree, they shall be referred to as **Rope Ascension Experts**.

**6:** Any Tree Surgeon that does a removal of a dead carcass will now be required to add the following terminology: we will send a Tree Surgeon with specialty training in **mathematics, geometry, engineering** and **physics** to safely remove the dead carcass.

The reason for this is because you are not doing a medical procedure, and those 3 skills are required to safely remove the dead carcass; diseased or injured biological organism!

## **New Trimming Standards:**

**1:** 0-2" Will still hold the 1/3 reduction standard.

**2:** 2"-4" Will now require a 1/2 reduction standard.

**3:** 4"-8" will now require a 2/3 reduction standard.

**4:** Any cuts over 8" will require documented proof of medical reason to justify the cut.

**5:** All finalized medical procedures on an organism must resemble the tree species natural growth and must have a lateral trim that will not cause interference with future growth potential.

## **Rebranding of companies we are looking for:**

**1:** Under company name on website or after company name, we are asking companies to add; **Arboriculture Medical Office** once a tree company is fully certified as a Medical Office.

## **Timeline for rebranding:**

Between now and June 29<sup>th</sup> of 2025 we will be giving everyone time to get used to and get everyone in St Louis time to implement these new standards for the AMD without penalties. Between the release of AMD website and January 4<sup>th</sup> of 2026 will be the transition period for companies to get used to the new changes to become fluent in acting like medical professionals. Starting January 5<sup>th</sup>, no exemptions will be made and companies penalized!