

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

prepare policies and procedures designed to provide for comprehensive State planning for health services, including the facilities and persons required for the provision of such services; and

WHEREAS, There exists a pressing need throughout the State of Maryland to provide an Emergency Medical System whereby critically ill and injured patients may be transported expeditiously to the nearest health institution equipped to treat the particular needs of the patient; and

WHEREAS, Such a system involves training of ambulance personnel; utilization of air and surface ambulances, operation and maintenance of central facilities for the treatment of certain types of illnesses; operation and maintenance of an information and communication system whereby the particular needs of the patient may be determined at the earliest possible time and the patient transported to the nearest facility equipped to care for the needs of the patient; and there needs to be over-all administration of this system; and

WHEREAS, The development of such a system requires the close cooperation of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and other State Departments and agencies, and pursuant to Article 41, Section 59C(e) the Governor is specifically authorized to direct any State officer or agency to cooperate with the State Comprehensive Health Planning Agency; and

WHEREAS, The State Comprehensive Health Planning Agency has recommended a plan whereby an Emergency Medical System shall be established under the administrative supervision of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and utilizing the personnel, resources, and facilities of other State departments and agencies and private and public health care facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Comprehensive Health Planning Agency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARVIN MANDEL, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, ON THIS DATE, HEREBY PROMULGATE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER:

1. A State Emergency Medical System is hereby established, to be implemented in accordance with this Executive Order.

2. The Division of Emergency Medical Service is created within the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Division shall be headed by a Director of Emergency Medical Services appointed by the Governor, with the advice of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, said Director to be responsible for the implementation, administration, and operation of the Emergency Medical System and to report directly to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Division shall receive and disburse all federal and State funds appropriated to and by the State for the Emergency Medical System.

3. The State shall be divided into not more than five emergency medical service regions, which shall be interconnected by a State-wide emergency medical communications system.

4. The Director of Emergency Medical Services shall promptly develop a program for: