

(I) CRITERIA FOR THE DESIGNATION OF TRAUMA AND SPECIALTY REFERRAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING ALL ECHELONS OF CARE;

(II) CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES FOR THE DELIVERY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES INCLUDING PROVISIONS TO ASSURE PROPER MEDICAL DIRECTION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:

(III) A PLAN DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE THE COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES;

(IV) ~~STANDARDS FOR AN ONGOING PROVISIONS FOR THE EVALUATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL TRAINING PROGRAMS INCLUDING THE CONSISTENCY OF MARYLAND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS WITH ANY RELEVANT NATIONAL STANDARDS;~~

(V) PROVISIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE PUBLIC'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM; ~~AND~~

(VI) CRITERIA AND METHODOLOGIES TO EVALUATE THE SYSTEM'S EFFECTIVENESS IN DELIVERING QUALITY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES NEEDED BY THE CITIZENS OF MARYLAND; ~~AND~~

(VII) PROVISIONS FOR THE EVALUATION AND MONITORING OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM PLAN TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE BY ALL SEGMENTS OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM.

(2) THE EMS BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT ~~AND ENFORCE~~ THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM PLAN REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION, SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(3) PRIOR TO ADOPTING REGULATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE EMS BOARD SHALL CONSULT WITH AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT FROM LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, VOLUNTEER AND CAREER FIRE COMPANIES, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, RESCUE SQUADMEN, SQUAD PERSONNEL, AND HOSPITALS AND CONSIDER:

(I) THE FISCAL IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS ON LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, VOLUNTEER AND CAREER FIRE COMPANIES, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, RESCUE SQUADMEN, SQUAD PERSONNEL, AND HOSPITALS; AND

(II) THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS ON THE ABILITY OF LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, VOLUNTEER AND CAREER FIRE COMPANIES, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, RESCUE SQUADMEN, SQUAD PERSONNEL, AND HOSPITALS TO CONTINUE TO DELIVER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

(C) THE EMS BOARD SHALL CONSULT WITH THE ADVISORY COUNCIL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM PLAN.