

(4) Coordinate the training of all personnel in the emergency medical services system and develop the necessary standards for their certification;

(5) Coordinate programs of research and education that relate to emergency medical services;

(6) Coordinate the development of centers for treating emergency injuries and illnesses;

(7) Coordinate the development of specialty referral centers for resuscitation, treatment, and rehabilitation of the critically ill and injured;

(8) Work closely with the public and private agencies, health care institutions and universities involved with emergency medical services, the regional emergency medical services advisory council, and the medical management consultant group;

(9) Administer State and federal funds for emergency medical services in this State;

(10) Work closely with the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, which is responsible for basic training for emergency medical technicians;

(11) Assure continued improvement of transportation for emergency, critically ill, and injured patients by supporting the goals of paid and volunteer systems throughout this State; and

(12) Report directly to the chancellor of the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

(D)--THE-DIRECTOR-MAY-ADOPT-RULES-AND-REGULATIONS-TO--ASSURE COORDINATION---OF--HELICOPTER---OPERATION--AND--COMMUNICATION--BY REQUIRING--THAT--HELICOPTERS--TRANSPORTING--PATIENTS--NOTIFY--THE SYSTEMS--COMMUNICATION--CENTER--OF--THE--STATE--EMERGENCY-MEDICAL COMMUNICATIONS-SYSTEM.--THE-DIRECTOR-ALSO--MAY--ADOPT--RULES--AND REGULATIONS,---AFTER--CONSULTATION--WITH--THE--DESIGNATED--TRAUMA CENTERS,--TO--ASSURE--THAT--EMERGENCY,--CRITICALLY--ILL,--AND--OR--INJURED PATIENTS--TRANSPORTED--BY--HELICOPTER--TO--ANY--CENTER--DESIGNATED--BY THE-MARYLAND-EMERGENCY-MEDICAL-SERVICES-SYSTEM-ARE-TRANSPORTED--IN ACCORDANCE-WITH-EMERGENCY-MEDICAL-SYSTEM-GUIDELINES-AND-PROTOCOLS AS---ESTABLISHED---BY--THE--INSTITUTE.--THE--SYSTEM--MAY--INCLUDE INSTITUTIONS-OUTSIDE-THE-GEOGRAPHIC-BOUNDARIES-OF-THE-STATE.

(D) THE DIRECTOR MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT ASSURE THAT HELICOPTERS TRANSPORTING PATIENTS BETWEEN HOSPITALS OR TO OR FROM SPECIALTY CENTERS NOTIFY THE SYSTEMS COMMUNICATION CENTER OF THE STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.