

(b) (1) The head of the Institute is the Director who shall be appointed by the Board of Regents.

(2) The Institute shall have the staff and funds provided in the State budget subject to subsection (f) of this section.

(c) The Director shall:

(1) Coordinate a statewide system of emergency medical services;

(2) Coordinate the five emergency medical service regions in this State;

(3) Coordinate the planning and operation of emergency medical services with the federal, State, and county governments;

(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;

(12) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section report directly to the Chancellor of the University of Maryland at Baltimore; and