

(4) Coordinate the training of all personnel in the Emergency Medical Services System and develop the necessary standards for their certification OR LICENSURE;

(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 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 career and volunteer systems throughout this State; and

(12) Implement all programmatic, operational, and administrative components of the Institute.

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(c) (1) The Institute, in consultation with representatives of the ambulance service industry in Maryland, shall adopt regulations necessary to establish a periodic licensing system for ambulance services in the State.

(2) The regulations shall, at a minimum, require:

(i) Each ambulance operated by the ambulance service to be equipped with adequate equipment and supplies to:

1. Care for the patients being transported; and
2. Communicate with the dispatcher;

(ii) At least 1 individual, in addition to the driver, be in attendance on the ambulance during each transport who:

1. Is certified OR LICENSED by the State as an emergency medical technician UNDER § 13-516 OF THIS SUBTITLE; or

2. Has successfully completed a course of training determined by the Institute to be substantially equivalent to the training necessary for certification OR LICENSURE as an emergency medical technician; and