

(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

(iii) Each ambulance operated by the ambulance service be inspected:

1. Once every 12 months by an inspection station licensed under § 23-103 of the Transportation Article and be issued an inspection certificate by the inspection station; or
2. In accordance with the requirements for the operation of an ambulance owned, operated, or under the jurisdiction of a unit of State government, a political subdivision of the State, or a volunteer fire company or volunteer rescue squad in the jurisdiction where the ambulance service is located.

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(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "CARDIAC RESCUE TECHNICIAN" (CRT) MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS:

(I) COMPLETED A CARDIAC RESCUE TECHNICIAN COURSE APPROVED BY THE EMS BOARD;