

**Maryland General Assembly
Department of Legislative Services**

**Proposed Regulation
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems
(DLS Control No. 14-125)**

Overview and Legal and Fiscal Impact

The regulation incorporates by reference updated protocols and dictionaries for use by emergency medical services providers.

The regulation does not raise any legal issues of concern.

There is no fiscal impact on State or local agencies.

Regulation of COMAR Affected

Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems:

General: Documents Incorporated by Reference: COMAR 30.01.02.01

Legal Analysis

Background

Each year, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) updates the medical protocols for emergency medical services providers. The protocols and any revisions to the protocols are developed by a protocol review committee in accordance with COMAR 30.03.05. In addition to the medical protocols, MIEMSS has developed several dictionaries to enhance consistency in data collection.

Summary of Regulation

The regulation incorporates by reference the following updated protocols and dictionaries for use by emergency medical services providers:

- the July 2, 2014 edition of the Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services Providers;
- the January 15, 2014 edition of the Maryland State Trauma Registry Data Dictionary for Adult Patients; and
- the February 24, 2014 edition of the Maryland State Trauma Registry Data Dictionary for Pediatric Patients.

Legal Issue

The regulation does not raise any legal issues of concern.

Statutory Authority and Legislative Intent

MIEMSS cites § 13-516 of the Education Article as legal authority for the regulation. Section 13-516 authorizes the Emergency Medical Services Board, which governs MIEMSS, to adopt rules, regulations, protocols, orders, and standards to carry out emergency medical services provisions under § 13-516 of the Education Article.

This authority is correct and complete. The regulation complies with the legislative intent of the law.

Fiscal Analysis

There is no fiscal impact on State or local agencies.

Agency Estimate of Projected Fiscal Impact

The regulation incorporates the current Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services Providers and Maryland Trauma Registry Data Dictionaries by reference. MIEMSS advises that the regulation does not significantly alter current practice and, thus, does not have a fiscal impact. The Department of Legislative Services concurs.

Impact on Budget

There is no impact on the State operating or capital budget.

Agency Estimate of Projected Small Business Impact

MIEMSS advises that the regulation has minimal or no impact on small businesses in the State. The Department of Legislative Services concurs.

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