

**Maryland General Assembly  
Department of Legislative Services**

**Proposed Regulation  
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems  
(DLS Control No. 20-067)**

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**Overview and Legal and Fiscal Impact**

The regulation incorporates by reference the 2020 versions of the Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services and the Maryland State Trauma Registry Data Dictionary for Burn Patients.

The regulation presents no 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

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**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 into the regulations for MIEMSS:

- the August 1, 2020 Edition of the “Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services”; and
- the May 21, 2020 Edition of the “Maryland State Trauma Registry Data Dictionary for Burn Patients”.

## **Legal Issues**

The regulation presents no legal issues of concern.

## **Statutory Authority and Legislative Intent**

MIEMSS cites §§ 13-509 and 13-516 of the Education Article as statutory authority for the regulation. Section 13-509 requires the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board, which governs MIEMSS, to develop and adopt an Emergency Medical System plan to ensure effective coordination and evaluation of emergency medical services delivered in this State and to adopt regulations to implement the plan. Section 13-516, among other things, governs the licensing and certification of emergency medical services providers by the EMS Board and authorizes the performance of specified medical procedures by certain individuals, as authorized by the EMS Board. More specifically, § 13-516(d) authorizes the EMS Board to adopt rules, regulations, protocols, orders, and standards to carry out the provisions of the section.

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

## **Technical Corrections and Special Notes**

The Notice of Proposed Action for the regulation incorrectly referenced § 10-506(c) of the State Government Article. Section 10-506(c) previously governed notice of public meetings before Chapter 94 of 2014 revised, restated, and recodified the laws of the State relating to general provisions of law, including the Open Meetings Act. MIEMSS has corrected this reference by substituting the recodified provision, § 3-302 of the General Provisions Article.

## **Fiscal Analysis**

There is no fiscal impact on State or local agencies.

## **Agency Estimate of Projected Fiscal Impact**

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

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