

**Maryland General Assembly
Department of Legislative Services**

**Proposed Regulation
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems
(DLS Control No. 22-375)**

Overview and Legal and Fiscal Impact

The regulation incorporates by reference the 2022 versions of the Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services, Maryland State Trauma Registry Data Dictionary for Adult Patients, and Maryland State Trauma Registry Data Dictionary for Pediatric 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

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 July 1, 2022 Edition of the “Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services”;
- the March 12, 2022 Edition of the “Maryland State Trauma Registry Data Dictionary for Adult Patients”; and

- the May 25, 2022 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.

Fiscal Analysis

There is no fiscal impact on State or local agencies.

Agency Estimate of Projected Fiscal Impact

The institute 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

The institute 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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