
APPENDIX 4



EMS AGENDA FOR THE FUTURE

The Vision

Emergency medical services (EMS) of the future will be community-based health management that is fully integrated with the overall health care system. It will have the ability to identify and modify illness and injury risks, provide acute illness and injury care and follow-up, and contribute to treatment of chronic conditions and community health monitoring. This new entity will be developed from redistribution of existing health care resources and will be integrated with other health care providers and public health and public safety agencies. It will improve community health and result in more appropriate use of acute health care resources. EMS will remain the public's emergency medical safety net.

During the past 30 years, emergency medical services in the United States have grown exponentially. Yet, initiatives to create a system to provide emergency medical care for the nation's population began with limited knowledge about what constituted the most efficient processes for delivering ideal resources to the spectrum of situations encountered by contemporary EMS providers.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau sponsored *The EMS Agenda for the Future*. This document focuses on aspects of EMS related to emergency care outside traditional health care facilities.

The *EMS Agenda* provides an opportunity to examine what has been learned during the past three decades and create a vision for the future. This opportunity comes at an important time, when those agencies, organizations, and individuals who affect EMS are evaluating their role in the context of a rapidly evolving health care system.

To realize this vision, the *EMS Agenda* proposes continued development of 14 EMS attributes, each of which is a chapter in the report.

1. Integration of health services
2. EMS research
3. Legislation and regulation
4. System finance
5. Human resources
6. Medical direction
7. Education systems
8. Public education
9. Prevention
10. Public access
11. Communication systems
12. Clinical care
13. Information systems
14. Evaluation

The *EMS Agenda* serves as a guide for EMS providers, health care organizations and institutions, government agencies, and policy makers. They must be committed to ensuring that EMS efficiently contributes to improving the health of their communities. They will need to invest the necessary resources to provide emergency health care that is reliably accessible, effective, subject to continuous evaluation, and integrated with the remainder of the health system.

Copies of the *EMS Agenda for the Future* can be obtained by writing to the Office of Enforcement and Emergency Services, NHTSA, NTS-42, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC, 20590 or send a fax to (202) 366-7721.

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APPENDIX 5

500 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 500.1 No person, firm, corporation, association, or government agency, either as owner, agency, or otherwise, shall operate or hold itself out in any way as operating an ambulance in the District without a currently valid license issued pursuant to this chapter by the Mayor for that ambulance.
- 500.2 No ambulance shall be operated for ambulance purposes in the District unless it is staffed by at least two (2) persons, one (1) of whom is an Emergency Medical Technician and one (1) of whom is an Emergency Medical Technician/Driver.
- 500.3 No person, firm, corporation, association, or government agency shall advertise or disseminate information to the public that emergency medical technician/paramedic ambulance service is offered unless that service is, in fact, provided by emergency medical technician/paramedics or emergency medical technician/intermediate paramedics in mobile intensive care units, as defined by the Mayor pursuant to §502, on a continuous twenty-four (24) hour per day basis.
- 500.4 If advertising or information regarding emergency medical technician/paramedic ambulance service appears on any vehicle, it may only appear on those mobile intensive care unit vehicles, as defined by the Mayor pursuant to §502, utilized on a continuous twenty-four (24) hour per day basis to provide service.
- 500.5 Any individual or any member, officer, director, agency, or employee of any firm, voluntary association, joint-stock company, incorporated society, or corporation who violates or participates in the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300) or by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or both.
- 500.6 Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed as repealing or affecting any other law or regulation of the District.
- 500.7 If any section, provision, or requirement of this chapter is held invalid for any reason, that holding shall not affect the validity or operation of any other section, provision, or requirement of this chapter.

501 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR AMBULANCES

- 501.1 The Mayor shall prescribe standards for ambulance licensing that will achieve safe and expeditious transportation of patients in a fashion consistent with the safety of the general public.
- 501.2 Before granting a license for an ambulance, the Mayor shall require each applicant to supply the following:
- (a) The name and address of the applicant and of the owner of the ambulance;
 - (b) The training and experience of the applicant in the transportation and care of patients;
 - (c) A description of the ambulance to be licensed, including the make, model number, year of manufacture, vehicle identification number, license number, the length of time the ambulance has been in use, the color scheme, insignia, name, monogram, or other distinguishing characteristics to be used to designate the applicant's ambulance;
 - (d) The address of the place or places from which the ambulance will operate; and
 - (e) Other information that the Mayor deems reasonably necessary to determine compliance with this chapter.
- 501.3 No license for an ambulance shall be issued unless the Mayor finds that the ambulance is, and will be at all times when in use as an ambulance, in compliance with the following:
- (a) The ambulance shall be equipped with equipment conforming to the standards issued by the Mayor pursuant to §502;
 - (b) The ambulance shall be in compliance with all applicable laws and ordinances relating to health, sanitation, and safety; and
 - (c) The ambulance shall be covered by insurance of a kind and in amounts conforming with standards set forth by the Mayor pursuant to §503; Provided, that this requirement shall not apply to ambulances owned and operated by an agency of the District government.
- 501.4 The Mayor shall issue to an applicant complying with the requirements established by this chapter a license and two (2) decals.
- The decals, which indicate that the ambulance has been licensed by the Mayor and the date on which the license expires, shall be affixed to prominent places on the front and rear of the licensed ambulance.

501 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR AMBULANCES (Continued)

- 501.6 No ambulance license shall be sold, transferred, or assigned without the approval of the Mayor. Approval may be granted only upon a demonstration that the ambulance and its operation will conform with all licensing requirements as though it were the subject of an application for original license.
- 501.7 No license for an ambulance shall be issued unless the ambulance has been physically inspected by the Mayor to determine compliance with the licensing requirements.
- 501.8 Each licensed ambulance, its equipment, and the premises designated in the application, shall be available for inspection by the Mayor during the usual hours of operation.
- 501.9 The Mayor shall subject each ambulance licensed under this chapter to at least two (2) unscheduled inspections per year to determine compliance with the licensing standards.
- 501.10 No license issued under this chapter shall be valid for a period longer than one (1) year.
- 501.11 Renewal of an ambulance license shall be granted upon application demonstrating compliance with all licensing requirements, as though the ambulance were the subject of an application for original license.
- 501.12 A fee, in an amount determined by the Mayor, shall be charged for issuance of a license certifying an ambulance to be in compliance with the provisions of this section.
- 501.13 The Mayor may establish additional license requirements for an ambulance serving as a mobile intensive care unit, as defined by the Mayor pursuant to §502, including additional fees for that license.

502 AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT

- 502.1 The Mayor shall promulgate rules specifying standards for the kind, quantity, and quality of equipment required on each ambulance licensed under this chapter.
- 502.2 Rules issued under the requirements of §502.1 shall be promulgated with the assistance of the District of Columbia Advisory Committee on Emergency Medical Services, and shall take into consideration the current list of minimal equipment for ambulances adopted by the American College of Surgeons or its duly authorized Committee on Trauma.

502 AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT (Continued)

- * 502.3 Rules issued under §502.1 shall require each ambulance to maintain, at a minimum, the following kinds of equipment or their functional equivalents:
- (a) Two-way radio mobile equipment capable of providing a reliable system operating range of at least a twenty (20) mile radius from the base station antenna;
 - (b) Rescue equipment;
 - (c) Resuscitation equipment, including portable oxygen equipment, suction equipment, and ventilation equipment;
 - (d) First aid and emergency supplies;
 - (e) Cardiac treatment equipment;
 - (f) Equipment for the treatment of fractures;
 - (g) Equipment for the treatment of wounds;
 - (h) Litters and stretchers; and
 - (i) Emergency obstetrical equipment.
- ✓ 502.4 The Mayor, with the assistance of the District of Columbia Advisory Committee on Emergency Medical Services, may promulgate rules specifying additional equipment and vehicular requirements for an ambulance serving as a mobile intensive care unit.

503 LIABILITY INSURANCE

- 503.1 The Mayor shall promulgate rules specifying insurance to be required on all ambulances licensed under this chapter.
- 503.2 The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to ambulances owned and operated by agencies of the District government.
- 503.3 No ambulance license shall be issued under this chapter unless there is at all times in force and effect insurance coverage for the ambulance issued by an insurance company or companies licensed to do business in the District providing for the payment of damages for the following:
- (a) Bodily injury to or death of individuals in accidents resulting from any cause for which the owner of the vehicle would be liable, regardless of whether the ambulance was being driven by the owner or his or her agent; and
 - (b) Loss of or damage to the property of another, including personal property, under similar circumstances.