

TITLE 18 HEALTH, SAFETY, AND HOUSING
CHAPTER 08 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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SECTION 18.08.010 Administration.

The department is responsible for the development, implementation, and maintenance of a statewide comprehensive emergency medical services system and, accordingly, shall

- (1) coordinate public and private agencies engaged in the planning and delivery of emergency medical services, including trauma care, to plan an emergency medical services system;
- (2) assist public and private agencies to deliver emergency medical services, including trauma care, through the award of grants in aid;
- (3) conduct, encourage, and approve programs of education and training designed to upgrade the knowledge and skills of health personnel involved in emergency medical services, including trauma care;
- (4) establish and maintain a process under which hospitals and clinics could represent themselves to be trauma centers because they voluntarily meet criteria adopted by the department; criteria adopted by the department to implement this paragraph must be based on an applicable national evaluation system.

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SECTION 18.08.015 Patient information system.

(a) The department may establish an emergency medical services patient care information system. If the department collects information on emergency medical services patient care, the department shall establish a format for the data collection. The purpose of the system is to

(1) collect data on the incidence, severity, and causes of trauma injuries;

(2) integrate this data on trauma injuries with information available from other public and private sources on trauma injuries; and

(3) improve the delivery of prehospital and hospital emergency medical services.

(b) A person, organization, or government agency that provides a prehospital emergency medical service through a certificate issued under this chapter shall participate in the system by making available to the department the minimum data requested in a format that is compatible with the format developed by the department to implement (a) of this section. The minimum data must include the

(1) type of medical emergency or nature of the call;

(2) response time; and

(3) prehospital treatment provided.

(c) A hospital that provides emergency medical services shall make available to the department an abstract of the records of all patients admitted to the hospital's trauma and general surgery services for trauma care. The abstracts must be in a format that is compatible with the format developed by the department under (a) of this section.

(d) The department shall consult with the Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services in designing, implementing, and revising the system.

(e) The department may delegate the responsibility for collecting data under this section to other public agencies or to private persons on contract to the department.

(f) In this section, "system" means the emergency medical services patient care information system established under this section.