

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER THIRTY-ONE

TO:

The State Board of Health

SUBJECT:

Emergency Medical Services Under the National Highway

Safety Act of 1966

WHEREAS, public law 89-564, entitled the National Highway Safety Act of 1966, provides Federal Grants for its planning, administration and implementation, and

WHEREAS, public law 89-564 provides in Section 4.4 11 that planning has to be made for the provision of Emergency Medical Services to highway accident victims, and

WHEREAS, the American Medical Association has urged that the State Health Agencies in each of the States be given the responsibility and authority in developing standards for a unified system of Emergency Medical Services:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charles L. Terry, Jr., by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of Delaware, do request that the State Board of Health in cooperation with our Federal-State Highway Safety Coordinator, undertake the establishment of such emergency medical standards and the question of the advisability of a unified statewide system for the provision of such emergency medical services and if advisable, the form that such a system should take if a decision is made to establish a unified statewide system. I view, inter alia, as within the purview of this study such things as the coordination of ambulance-hospital communications, the establishment of methods for coordinating the dispatching and summoning of ambulances, and an evaluation of the emergency medical services presently being provided, the establishment of standards for the training of ambulance drivers and attendants, and lists of recommended supplies and equipment for use in ambulances.

APPROVED

this 8th day of December,

1967

Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State