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Term	Description
Advanced emergency medical person	An emergency medical services person licensed to perform advanced emergency medical treatment.
Advanced emergency medical treatment	<p>Advanced emergency medical treatment" means those portions of emergency medical treatment:</p> <p>A. Defined by the board to be advanced; and [PL 2011, c. 271, §1 (NEW).]</p> <p>B. That the board determines may be performed by persons licensed under this chapter within a system of emergency care approved by the board when acting under the supervision of:</p> <p>(1) An appropriate physician; or</p> <p>(2) A physician assistant or nurse practitioner, licensed by the State, and authorized by a hospital to supervise and direct the actions of an emergency medical services person. [PL 2011, c. 271, §1 (NEW).]</p> <p>[PL 2011, c. 271, §1 (AMD).]</p>
Advanced EMT (AEMT)	The primary focus of the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician is to provide basic and limited advanced emergency medical care and transportation for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system. This individual possesses the basic knowledge and skills necessary to provide patient care and transportation. Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians function as part of a comprehensive EMS response, under medical oversight. Advanced Emergency Medical

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	Technicians perform interventions with the basic and advanced equipment typically found on an ambulance. The Advanced Emergency Medical Technician is a link from the scene to the emergency health care system.
Agency (or EMS Agencies)	General term used to refer to licensed services including ambulance services and non-transporting emergency medical services (see associated definitions).
Ambulance	<p>"Ambulance" means any vehicle, whether an air, ground or water vehicle, that is designed, constructed or routinely used or intended to be used for the transportation of ill or injured persons.</p> <p>The licensing of these vehicles is in addition to any registration required by any other authorities. Vehicles operated by the Maine Army National Guard, Maine Air National Guard or the United States armed forces are not considered ambulances</p>
Ambulance equipment	"Ambulance equipment" means those materials and devices which are carried in ambulances

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Ambulance service	<p>"Ambulance service" means any person, persons or organization which holds itself out to be a provider of transportation of ill or injured persons or which routinely provides transportation for ill or injured persons. For the purposes of this chapter, the Maine Army National Guard, Maine Air National Guard, and the United States Armed Forces shall not be considered ambulance services. It does not mean a person, persons or an organization which transports ill or injured persons for reasons not connected with their illness or injury. It does not mean a nursing home licensed under chapter 405, a boarding home licensed under chapter 1665, a children's home licensed under chapter 1669, or similar residential facility when transporting its own residents or those of another similarly licensed facility when those residents do not require emergency medical treatment</p>
Basic emergency medical services person	<p>"Basic emergency medical services person" means a person licensed to perform basic emergency medical treatment.</p>



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<p>Basic emergency medical treatment.</p>	<p>"Basic emergency medical treatment" means those portions of emergency medical treatment:          A. Defined by the board to be basic; and [PL 2011, c. 271, §4 (NEW).]          B. That the board determines may be performed by persons licensed under this chapter within a system of emergency care approved by the board when acting under the supervision of:          (1) An appropriate physician; or          (2) A physician assistant or nurse practitioner, licensed by the State, and authorized by a hospital to supervise and direct the actions of an emergency medical services person. [PL 2011, c. 271, §4 (NEW).]          [PL 2011, c. 271, §4 (AMD).]</p>
<p>Board of EMS</p>	<p>Statutorily defined board that has statutory responsibility for EMS system oversight.</p>
<p>Bureau of EMS</p>	<p>Full-Time employees based in Augusta, within the Department of Public Safety.</p>
<p>CAD</p>	<p>Computer Aided Dispatch</p>
<p>CCT or critical care transport</p>	<p>See SCT for definition</p>
<p>Commissioner</p>	<p>"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Safety</p>
<p>Community Paramedicine</p>	<p>An expanded role for EMS providers to assist with both public health and primary healthcare to underserved populations without the duplication of services.</p>



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Department	"Department" means the Department of Public Safety
Department	Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services Bureau
Director	"Director" means the Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services
Emergency Medical Dispatch Services	"Any of the following services provided in the context of an emergency call made to the 9-1-1 system: Reception, evaluation or processing of calls; Provision of dispatch life support; Management of requests for emergency medical assistance; and Evaluation or improvement of the emergency medical dispatch process, including identifying the nature of an emergency request, prioritizing the urgency of a request, dispatching necessary resources, providing medical aid and safety instructions to the caller, and coordinating the responding resources as needed."
Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD)	"A person licensed by the Board who provides emergency medical dispatch services as a member of an emergency medical dispatch center licensed by the Board."
Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)	Emergency Medical Responders provide immediate lifesaving care to critical patients who access the emergency medical services system. EMRs have the knowledge and skills necessary to provide immediate lifesaving interventions while awaiting additional EMS resources to arrive. EMRs also provide assistance to higher-level personnel at the scene of emergencies and during transport. Emergency Medical Responders are a vital part of the comprehensive EMS response. Under medical

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	oversight, Emergency Medical Responders perform basic interventions with minimal equipment.
Emergency medical services ambulance operator	"Emergency medical services ambulance operator" means a person associated with a licensed ground ambulance service who operates an ambulance in emergency mode or transports patients
Emergency medical services' person	"Emergency medical services' person" means any person who routinely provides emergency medical treatment to the sick or injured
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)	Emergency Medical Technicians provide out of hospital emergency medical care and transportation for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical services (EMS) system. EMTs have the basic knowledge and skills necessary to stabilize and safely transport patients ranging from non-emergency and routine medical transports to life threatening emergencies. Emergency Medical Technicians function as part of a comprehensive EMS response system, under medical oversight. Emergency Medical Technicians perform interventions with the basic equipment typically found on an ambulance. Emergency Medical Technicians are a critical link between the scene of an emergency and the health care system.



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Emergency medical treatment	"Emergency medical treatment" means those skills, techniques, and judgments, as defined by the board, which are directed to maintaining, improving or preventing the deterioration of the medical condition of the patient and which are appropriate to be delivered by trained persons at the scene of a patient's illness or injury outside the hospital and during transportation to the hospital
Emergency Services Communications Bureau (ESCB)	The Emergency Services Communications Bureau within the Public Utilities Commission.
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
EMS System	The collection of clinicians, first responders, dispatch centers, resources, and medical directors throughout Maine
EMS-C	The Maine EMS for Children program is a federal grant that exists in every US state and territory and is administered in Maine through Maine EMS. The mission is to reduce child and youth mortality and morbidity resulting from severe illness or trauma.
Flight nurse	"Flight nurse" means any registered professional nurse, currently licensed in the State, who has completed a prehospital care curriculum authorized by the Emergency Medical Services' Board
FOAA	Maine Freedom of Access Act



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<p>Ground Ambulance Services</p>	<p>Those services licensed by the Board that treat patients and transport them in ambulance vehicles that are licensed by the Board and are designed to be operated on the roads and highways of the State.</p>
<p>IFT or Interfacility Transport</p>	<p>The transport of a person from a medical facility to another medical facility. Often involves hospital-to-hospital transports, but may also include, for example, hospital to nursing homes, nursing homes-to-dialysis centers, and urgent care centers to hospitals. These are not generally initiated by the use of 911. Overarching term that includes all levels of care, plus PIFT and SCT level transports.</p>
<p>License</p>	<p>"License" means a full, temporary, provisional, or conditional license issued by the board under this chapter</p>
<p>Maine Emergency Medical Services</p>	<p>"Maine Emergency Medical Services" means the board, the emergency medical services director and staff within the Department of Public Safety</p>
<p>Maine EMS</p>	<p>Often used interchangeably with three (3) concepts: The Bureau of EMS, The Board of EMS, and The EMS System</p>
<p>Medical control physician</p>	<p>"Medical control physician" means a physician who supervises emergency medical services persons.</p>



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Medical Direction and Practices Board	"Medical Direction and Practices Board" means the board consisting of each regional medical director, an emergency physician representing the Maine Chapter of the American College of Emergency Medicine Physicians, an at-large member, a toxicologist or licensed pharmacist, a person licensed under section 85 to provide basic emergency medical treatment, a person licensed under section 85 to provide advanced emergency medical treatment, a pediatric physician, the statewide associate emergency medical services medical director and the statewide emergency medical services medical director. The Medical Direction and Practices Board is responsible for creation, adoption, and maintenance of Maine Emergency Medical Services protocols
MEFIRS	Maine EMS and Fire Incident Reporting System
MEMS	Maine EMS, a Bureau of Maine Department of Public Safety
Naloxone hydrochloride (Naloxone, Narcan)	A medication used to reverse an Opioid overdose
NASEMSO	National Association of State EMS Officials
NEMESIS	National Emergency Medical Services Information System
NEMSQA	National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Quality Alliance
NFIRS	National Fire Incident Reporting System

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<p>Nontransporting emergency medical service</p>	<p>"Nontransporting emergency medical service" means any organization, person or persons who hold themselves out as providers of emergency medical treatment and who do not routinely provide transportation to ill or injured persons, and who routinely offer or provide services to the general public beyond the boundaries of a single recreational site, business, school, or other facility. For the purposes of this chapter, a physician making house calls as a part of ordinary medical practice is not considered to be a nontransporting emergency medical service.</p>
<p>Non-Transporting Service</p>	<p>A term synonymous with "First Responder Service". Defined as "Any organization, person or persons who hold themselves out as providers of emergency medical treatment and who do not routinely provide transportation to ill or injured persons, and who routinely offer or provide services to the general public beyond the boundaries of a single recreational site, business, school or other facility."</p>
<p>Online medical control</p>	<p>"Online medical control" means the online physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner, licensed by the State, authorized by a hospital to supervise, and direct the actions of emergency medical services persons.</p>
<p>Paramedic</p>	<p>The Paramedic is an allied health professional whose primary focus is to provide advanced emergency medical care for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system. This individual possesses the complex knowledge and skills necessary to provide patient care and transportation. Paramedics function as part of a comprehensive EMS response, under medical oversight. Paramedics perform interventions with</p>



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	<p>the basic and advanced equipment typically found on an ambulance. The Paramedic is a link from the scene into the health care system.</p>
<p>PIFT or Paramedic Interfacility Transport</p>	<p>A PIFT, or Paramedic Interfacility Transport, is the transport of a stable patient by a Paramedic who has undertaken additional education and is working for an approved PIFT EMS service. It is typically hospital-to-hospital. This level of care allows the continuation of many therapies established in a hospital and will continue during transport. This allows the hospital to opt to not send staff for selected therapies that must continue during transport. The patient is stable and is anticipated to remain stable. There is no requirement to be a PIFT service, and not all Maine EMS services are PIFT services.</p>
<p>Protocol or Maine Emergency Medical Services protocol</p>	<p>"Protocol" or "Maine Emergency Medical Services protocol" means the written statement, developed by the Medical Direction and Practices Board, and filed with the board, specifying the conditions under which some form of emergency medical care is to be given by emergency medical services persons</p>
<p>Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)</p>	<p>"A facility with enhanced 9-1-1 capability, operated on a 24-hour basis, assigned the responsibility of receiving 9-1-1 calls and, as appropriate, directly dispatching emergency services or, through transfer routing or relay routing, passing 9-1-1 calls to public or private safety agencies."</p>



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Regional council	"Regional council" means a business entity recognized by the board that represents a geographical area of the State, as designated by the board
Regions	"Regions" means those geographical areas of the State designated by the board to be represented by a regional council
Respondent	Any individual or organization submitting a response to this RFI.
Response Assignment Plan	"A Maine EMS approved plan developed by a Maine licensed service and its service medical director that establishes the service's response in accordance with Maine EMS Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) protocol determinant codes."
RFI	Request for Information
RFP	Request for Proposal
SCT or Specialty Care Transport	A non-911 transport from one medical facility to another medical facility, most often hospital-to-hospital. Also known in other states as critical care transports. In Maine, SCT requires the care of a nurse, respiratory therapist, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, and/or physician. Care is collaborative with EMS. The patient may have therapies outside of the scope of practice of EMS or be unstable.
Statewide associate emergency medical services medical director	"Statewide associate emergency medical services medical director" means a licensed physician appointed by the board
Statewide emergency medical services' medical director	"Statewide emergency medical services' medical director" means a licensed physician appointed by the board

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Trauma	"Trauma" means a single or multisystem life-threatening or limb-threatening injury requiring immediate medical or surgical intervention or treatment to prevent death or permanent disability
Trauma care system	"Trauma care system" means a subsystem within the emergency medical services system, consisting of an organized arrangement of personnel, equipment, and facilities, designed to manage the treatment of the trauma patient.