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To the Maryland EMS Community:

The Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program (VAIP) sets the standard for equipment on Maryland ambulances and EMS chase vehicles. The Regional Medical Directors have reviewed this latest version of the document, which reflects the recommendations of the VAIP workgroup. The shared goal is to assure that appropriate quantities of medications and supplies are available on every Maryland EMS vehicle.

The VAIP standards address the minimum medication requirements of the 2026 *Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services*, with the understanding that any EMS Operational Program may stock additional quantities of protocol-compliant supplies or medications to meet operational needs or Jurisdictional Medical Directors' requests. The revised standards account for ongoing medication shortages and the ability of many jurisdictions to resupply promptly after a call for service.

The Regional Medical Directors support the VAIP and strongly encourage all EMS Operational Programs to comply with these standards. In mutual aid situations, compliance with VAIP standards assures that any responding unit has the necessary medications and supplies to provide quality emergency medical care.

If you have any questions regarding the additions or revisions contained in the update, please contact your MIEMSS Regional Office. Thank you for your continued efforts in making the Maryland EMS system a leader in the delivery of emergency care.

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