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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 96

DECEMBER 7, 1977

**DESIGNATION OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AS THE
COORDINATING AGENCY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE FOR
THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

Whereas, The Emergency Medical Service of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation was established to provide pre-hospital emergency services; and

Whereas, The Emergency Medical Service is the primary provider of pre-hospital emergency medical care in New York City, and is charged with providing safe, expeditious transportation to the medical facility best equipped to render appropriate care, without regard to any patient's ability to pay; and

Whereas, The Emergency Medical Service maintains a central Medical Emergency Communications and Control Center for the purposes of dispatching ambulances; and

Whereas, The New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation has received funds from the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare to establish a coordinated emergency medical service system; and

Whereas, The maintenance of a coordinated, high quality emergency medical services system is essential to the preservation of the life and health of the residents of New York City;

Now, therefore, by the power vested in me as the Mayor of The City of New York, it is hereby ordered as follows

Section 1. Designation of Coordinating Agency

The Emergency Medical Service of The New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation shall be the coordinating agency for The City of New York for all pre-hospital services in the event of medical emergencies.

§ 2. Duties of the Emergency Medical Service

The duties of the Emergency Medical Service shall include:

(a) the operation of ambulance services and funding of ambulances to be operated under contract;

(b) the operation of a central dispatching system which shall direct all responses to requests for emergency ambulance services and which shall incorporate all ambulances operated or funded by The City of New York or the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, as well as such other voluntary and proprietary ambulances as shall choose to participate and be accepted for participation by the Emergency Medical Service;

(c) the establishment of programs for assuring the provision of high quality treatment, administered by qualified personnel, at the scene of a medical emergency;

(d) the establishment and direction of plans for the provision of transportation services and vital on-site care in the event of a medical disaster;

(e) such other and further duties and responsibilities necessary to the proper functioning of the Emergency Medical Service.

§ 3. Duties of the Board of Health

Nothing herein shall abridge the authorities and duties of the Board of Health in the event of great and imminent peril to the public health as specified in Chapter 22, Section 563 of the *New York City Charter*.

§ 4. Effective Date

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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ABRAHAM D. BEAME, Mayor.

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