§ 3001. Definitions. As used in this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Emergency medical service" means initial emergency medical assistance including, but not limited to, the treatment of trauma, burns, respiratory, circulatory and obstetrical emergencies.

2. "Ambulance service" means an individual, partnership, association, corporation, municipality or any legal or public entity or subdivision thereof engaged in providing emergency medical care and the transportation of sick or injured persons by motor vehicle, aircraft or other forms of transportation to, from, or between general hospitals or other health care facilities.

3. "Voluntary ambulance service" means an ambulance service (i) operating not for pecuniary profit or financial gain, and (ii) no part of the assets or income of which is distributable to, or enures to the benefit of, its members, directors or officers except to the extent permitted under this article.

4. "Voluntary advanced life support first response service" means advanced life support first response service (i) operating not for pecuniary profit or financial gain, and (ii) no part of the assets or income of which is distributable to, or enures to the benefit of, its members, directors or officers except to the extent permitted under this article.

5. "Certified first responder" means an individual who meets the minimum requirements established by regulations pursuant to section three thousand two of this article and who is responsible for administration of initial life saving care of sick and injured persons.

6. "Emergency medical technician" means an individual who meets the minimum requirements established by regulations pursuant to section three thousand two of this article and who is responsible for administration or supervision of initial emergency medical care and transportation of sick or injured persons.

7. "Advanced emergency medical technician" means an emergency medical technician who has satisfactorily completed an advanced course of training approved by the state council under regulations pursuant to section three thousand two of this article.

8. "State council" means the New York state emergency medical services council established pursuant to this article.

9. "Regional council" means a regional emergency medical services council established pursuant to this article.

10. "Enrolled member" means any member of a voluntary ambulance service or voluntary advanced life support first response service who provides emergency medical care or transportation of sick or injured persons without expectation of monetary compensation.

11. "Advanced life support care" means definitive acute medical care provided, under medical control, by advanced emergency medical technicians within an advanced life support system.

12. "Advanced life support system" means an organized acute medical care system to provide advanced life support care on site or en route to, from, or between general hospitals or other health care facilities.

13. "Advanced life support mobile unit" means an ambulance or advanced life support first response vehicle approved to provide advanced life support services pursuant to this article.

14. "Qualified medical and health personnel" means physicians, registered professional nurses and advanced emergency medical technicians competent in the management of patients requiring advanced life support care.

15. "Medical control" means: (a) advice and direction provided by a physician or under the direction of a physician to certified first responders, emergency medical technicians or advanced emergency medical

technicians who are providing medical care at the scene of an emergency or en route to a health care facility; and (b) indirect medical control including the written policies, procedures, and protocols for prehospital emergency medical care and transportation developed by the state emergency medical advisory committee, approved by the state emergency medical services council and the commissioner, and implemented by regional medical advisory committees.

16. "Regional medical advisory committee" means a group of five or more physicians, and one or more non-voting individuals representative of each of the following: hospitals, basic life support providers, advanced life support providers and emergency medical services training sponsor medical directors approved by the affected regional emergency medical services councils.

17. "Advanced life support first response service" means an organization which provides advanced life support care, but does not transport patients.

18. "EMS program agency" means a not-for-profit corporation or municipality designated by the state council and approved by the affected regional council or councils to facilitate the development and operation of an emergency medical services system within a region as directed by the regional council under this article.

19. "Operator" means any person who by reason of a direct or indirect ownership interest (whether of record or beneficial) has the ability, acting either alone or in concert with others with ownership interests, to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of an ambulance service or advanced life support first response service.

20. "Mutual aid agreement" means a written agreement, entered into by two or more ambulance services or advanced life support first response services possessing valid ambulance service or advanced life support first response service certificates or statements of registration, for the organized, coordinated, and cooperative reciprocal mobilization of personnel, equipment, services, or facilities for back-up or support

upon request as required pursuant to a written mutual aid plan. An ambulance service and advanced life support first response service may participate in one or more mutual aid agreements.

21. "Primary territory" means the geographic area or subdivisions listed on an ambulance service certificate or statement of registration within which the ambulance service may receive patients for transport.