§ 3003-b. Availability of ambulance service and advanced life support first response service to store and distribute blood and initiate and administer blood transfusions. 1. An ambulance service or advanced life support first response service licensed under this article may store and distribute human blood and blood products at all their facilities and qualified medical and health personnel, as defined in this article, operating within an ambulance service or advanced life support first response service licensed under this article, may initiate and administer human blood and blood product transfusions while providing ambulance services or advanced life support care via an advanced life support mobile unit. As used in this section, " ambulance services" means emergency medical care and the transportation of sick or injured persons by motor vehicle or aircraft to, from or between general hospitals or other health care facilities.

2. Notwithstanding title five of article five of this chapter, any ambulance service or advanced life support first response service licensed under this article may store and distribute human blood and blood products in accordance with standards for the storage of blood products of the United States Food and Drug Administration and any rules, regulations, guidance or minimum standards established pursuant to this section.

3. Prior to storing and distributing blood or allowing qualified medical and health personnel to initiate and administer blood transfusions under this section, the ambulance service or advanced life support first response service shall ensure that it is in compliance with the rules, regulations, guidance or minimum standards established pursuant to this section and other applicable emergency medical service requirements, and shall provide notification of intent to store and distribute blood or allow qualified medical and health personnel to initiate and administer blood transfusions as part of their ambulance services or advanced life support care at least sixty days prior to beginning such care.

4. The state emergency medical services council, with the approval of the commissioner, shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate

the purposes of this section.