

Trauma Care Systems Planning and Development Act:

In Section 3504, the Senate health reform legislation reauthorizes the Trauma Care Systems Planning and Development Act and incorporates a new Regionalization of Emergency Care Pilot Program to provide funding for no fewer than four multi-year pilot projects. These projects would be intended to design, implement and evaluate innovative models of regionalized emergency care systems with a total authorization of \$24 million for all of the grant programs provided under the updated Trauma Care Systems Planning and Development Act, of which \$12 million would be designated for implementation of the Regionalization of Emergency Care Pilot Program.

AEMS has been working with other EMS-related organizations to support full funding for this program in the FY 2011 appropriations process. We will continue to keep you posted on this and other priority issues for the EMS community, including the Medicare ambulance relief that is included in separate moving legislation, and our Field EMS legislation, which is under development.