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§§ 2651 to 2654. Repealed. Pub. L. 95-313, § 16(a)(6), formerly § 13(a)(6), July 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 374; renumbered § 16(a)(6), Pub. L. 101-624, title XII, § 1215(1), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3525

Section 2651, Pub. L. 92-419, title IV, § 401, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 670; Pub. L. 91-524, title VIII, § 816(a), as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(27)(B), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 240, related to purpose and findings for provisions relating to rural community fire protection assistance.

Section 2652, Pub. L. 92-419, title IV, § 402, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 670; Pub. L. 95-113, title XV, § 1504, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1021, related to terms and conditions, funding requirements, etc., for cooperative agreements with State officials.

Section 2653, Pub. L. 92-419, title IV, § 403, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 671, related to reporting requirements for Secretary of Agriculture.

Section 2654, Pub. L. 92-419, title IV, § 404, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 671; Pub. L. 91-524, title VIII, § 816(b), as added Pub. L. 93-86, § 1(27)(B), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 240; amended Pub. L. 95-113, title XV, § 1505, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1021, related to authorization of appropriations for assistance.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Oct. 1, 1978, see section 17 of Pub. L. 95-313, set out as an Effective Date note under section 2101 of Title 16, Conservation.

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(a) Definition of emergency medical services

In this section:

(1) In general

The term “emergency medical services” means resources used by a public or nonprofit entity to deliver medical care outside of a medical facility under emergency conditions that occur as a result of—

- (A) the condition of a patient; or
 (B) a natural disaster or related condition.

(2) Inclusion

The term “emergency medical services” includes services (whether compensated or volunteer) delivered by an emergency medical

services provider or other provider recognized by the State involved that is licensed or certified by the State as—

- (A) an emergency medical technician or the equivalent (as determined by the State);
 (B) a registered nurse;
 (C) a physician assistant; or
 (D) a physician that provides services similar to services provided by such an emergency medical services provider.

(b) Grants

The Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities—

(1) to enable the entities to provide for improved emergency medical services in rural areas; and

(2) to pay the cost of training firefighters and emergency medical personnel in firefighting, emergency medical practices, and responding to hazardous materials and bioagents in rural areas.

(c) Eligibility

To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an entity shall—

(1) be—

(A) a State emergency medical services office;

(B) a State emergency medical services association;

(C) a State office of rural health or an equivalent agency;

(D) a local government entity;

(E) an Indian tribe (as defined in section 5304 of title 25);

(F) a State or local ambulance provider; or

(G) any other public or nonprofit entity determined appropriate by the Secretary; and

(2) prepare and submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require, that includes—

(A) a description of the activities to be carried out under the grant; and

(B) an assurance that the applicant will comply with the matching requirement of subsection (f).

(d) Use of funds

An entity shall use amounts received under a grant made under subsection (b) only in a rural area—

(1) to hire or recruit emergency medical service personnel;

(2) to recruit or retain volunteer emergency medical service personnel;

(3) to train emergency medical service personnel in emergency response, injury prevention, safety awareness, or other topics relevant to the delivery of emergency medical services;

(4) to fund training to meet State or Federal certification requirements;

(5) to provide training for firefighters or emergency medical personnel for improvements to the training facility, equipment, curricula, or personnel;

(6) to develop new ways to educate emergency health care providers through the use of technology-enhanced educational methods (such as distance learning);