

Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

Part A - General Questions

Rule Number: 4765-7-02

Rule Type: Amendment

Rule Title/Tagline: Accreditation of Ohio EMS training programs.

Agency Name: State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services

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I. Rule Summary

1. **Is this a five year rule review?** Yes
 - A. **What is the rule's five year review date?** 3/12/2018
2. **Is this rule the result of recent legislation?** No
3. **What statute is this rule being promulgated under?** 119.03
4. **What statute(s) grant rule writing authority?** 4765.11
5. **What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify?** 4765.16, 4765.17
6. **What are the reasons for proposing the rule?**

This rule is being filed according to a R.C. 106.03 periodic rule review.

7. **Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

Rule 4765-7-02 sets forth the provisions for issuing a certificate of accreditation and includes information about the application to be submitted. The rule sets forth requirements for Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accreditation for Ohio accredited institutions seeking to provide

paramedic training programs. The rule refers readers to the incorporated by reference rule.

OAC rule 4765-7-02 is amended to spelling errors and is amended to set forth the process and requirements for an initial applicant for accreditation as a paramedic training program to apply for provisional status and to meet Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP) requirements prior to receiving approval to promote or initiate a course.

- 8. Does the rule incorporate material by reference? Yes**
- 9. If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.71 to 121.76, please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

OAC rule 4765-7-02 incorporates the form "Certificate of Accreditation Application" (February, 2014) or form EMS 1652. To comply with sections 121.71 to 121.74 of the Revised Code, this rule refers readers to OAC rule 4765-1-03, which provides the editions and dates of the materials and the website addresses where the information may be accessed.

"Certificate of Accreditation Application" is published at the EMS "Forms & Applications" website at: <http://www.ems.ohio.gov/forms.aspx>.

- 10. If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

Not Applicable

II. Fiscal Analysis

- 11. As a result of this proposed rule, please estimate the increase / decrease in revenues or expenditures affecting this agency, or the state generally, in the current biennium or future years. If the proposed rule is likely to have a different fiscal effect in future years, please describe the expected difference and operation.**

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

\$0.00

Not Applicable.

- 12. What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?**

The costs incurred by the EMS accredited institutions (stakeholders) will vary depending on the affiliations of the EMS accredited institution and the levels of training being offered. Those institutions not changing any certification levels will see minimal if any additional costs, except for natural increases in administrative costs. Those institutions adding additional certification levels will see cost increases, as they may need to add additional instructional, administrative, and equipment resources. *Significant costs could be associated with institutions requesting to become a paramedic training center due to the costs associated with the national accreditation application process. The estimated annual cost to an accredited institution for continued compliance is an annual fee of \$1,700 and approximately \$3,450 in additional costs every five years to complete the CAAHEP reaccreditation process. These costs are charged and collected by CoAEMSP. The State of Ohio received a five-year extension to complete national accreditation, making the deadline for accreditation 1/1/2018. The Division made grant funding available through the FY 2017 funding cycle to assist institutions with the costs of obtaining the CAAHEP accreditation. The estimated cost of CoAEMSP-related fees was reduced substantially when using the \$5,000 grant award available as set forth in RC section 4765.07.

SOURCE: Ohio Division of EMS Education & Testing section

*Costs obtained from CoAEMSP at <http://www.coaemsp.org/Fees.htm>

The CoAEMSP website was reviewed on October 11, 2017 to determine the initial and renewal costs of compliance.

13. **Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B).** No
14. **Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C).** No

III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions

15. **Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office?** Yes
16. **Does this rule have an adverse impact on business?** Yes
 - A. **Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business?** Yes

This rule requires a certification of accreditation authorized by the State Board of Emergency medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (EMFTS) for entities operating EMS training programs.

- B. Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? No**
- C. Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? Yes**

Entities seeking to operate EMS training programs are required to submit a "Certificate of Accreditation Application."

Entities seeking accreditation as a new paramedic training program after January 1, 2018, are required to provide additional information, including an application submitted to Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP) for a letter of review and an application to the board for provisional status as accredited.

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