

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The State Board of Emergency Medical Services will conduct a public hearing, pursuant to R.C. 119.03, on Wednesday, October 20, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. The hearing will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 134, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

The purpose of the hearing is to solicit public comment on the proposal to adopt rule 4765-6-06 (Withdrawing of blood for evidence collection) to the Ohio Administrative Code and to amend rules 4765-10-06 (Medical director), 4765-16-04 (EMT-intermediate scope of practice), and 4765-17-03 (EMT-paramedic scope of practice).

These rules are being proposed in response to legislative changes provided in Senate Bill 58 of the 128th General Assembly.

Rule 4765-6-06 is being adopted to authorize and permit EMT-intermediates and EMT-paramedics to withdraw blood, in the course of providing emergency medical treatment, for the purpose of evidence collection as requested by a law enforcement officer.

Rule 4765-10-06 is being amended to expand the oversight of an EMS organization's medical director to include the authority to determine those EMTs who will be allowed to withdraw blood for evidence collection under the auspices of the medical director's certificate to practice.

Rule 4765-16-04 is being amended to expand an EMT-intermediate's scope of practice to include the withdrawing of blood for evidence collection as authorized by his or her organization's medical director.

Rule 4765-17-03 is being amended to expand an EMT-paramedic's scope of practice to include the withdrawing of blood for evidence collection as authorized by his or her organization's medical director.

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing. Any persons affected by the proposed rules may appear at the hearing and be heard in person, by an attorney, or both, or may present their position, argument, or contention in writing. Persons may offer and examine witnesses and present evidence to show that the proposed rules will be unreasonable or unlawful.

Requests for copies of the proposed rules and/or to offer public comment may be submitted in person or by mail at the following address: Office of Legal Services, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Suite 531C, Columbus, Ohio 43223 or by telephone: (614) 466-5605.

The proposed rules may be accessed electronically via the Division of EMS website at (http://www.ems.ohio.gov/ems_laws.stm).