

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The State Board of Emergency Medical Services will conduct a public hearing pursuant to R.C. 119.03 on Wednesday, December 21, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 134, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223.

The purpose of the hearing is to solicit public comment on the following proposed changes to Chapters 4765-1, 4765-12, 4765-15, 4765-16, and 4765-17 of the Ohio Administrative Code which, in part, reflect changes in emergency medical provider titles pursuant to House Bill 128 of the 129<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, and in part, reflect changes in EMS education standards as approved by the United States National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

**Amendment** of 4765-1-01 (Definitions); 4765-12-02 (Emergency medical responder curriculum prior to September 1, 2012); 4765-12-03 (Emergency medical responder continuing education); 4765-12-04 (Emergency medical responder scope of practice); 4765-15-01 (Emergency medical technician curriculum prior to September 1, 2012); 4765-15-03 (Emergency medical technician continuing education); 4765-15-04 (Emergency medical technician scope of practice); 4765-16-01 (Advanced emergency medical technician curriculum prior to September 1, 2012); 4765-16-03 (Advanced emergency medical technician continuing education); 4765-16-04 (Advanced emergency medical technician scope of practice); 4765-17-01 (Paramedic curriculum prior to September 1, 2012); 4765-17-02 (Paramedic continuing education); and 4765-17-03 (Paramedic scope of practice).

**Adoption** of 4765-1-02 (EMS titles); 4765-12-05 (Emergency medical responder curriculum); 4765-15-05 (Emergency medical technician curriculum); 4765-16-06 (Advanced emergency medical technician curriculum); and 4765-17-04 (Paramedic curriculum).

4765-1-01 is being amended to add definitions for EMS provider, extraglottic device, NHTSA, and special patient populations.

4765-1-02 is being adopted as a new rule to implement changes to the emergency medical provider titles pursuant to H.B. 128, 129<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, and nationally recognized industry standards. This rule sets forth that a reference to a first responder is deemed to be a reference to an emergency medical responder or EMR; a reference to an emergency medical technician-basic or EMT-basic is deemed to be a reference to an emergency medical technician or EMT; a reference to an emergency medical technician-intermediate or EMT-I is deemed to be a reference to an advanced emergency medical technician or AEMT.

4765-12-02 is being amended to clarify the curriculum standards, which need to be met by an emergency medical responder training program that begins prior to September 1, 2012. The rule also directs an emergency medical responder training program which starts on or after September 1, 2012, to follow the curriculum standards established and adopted by the EMS board in accordance with rule 4765-12-05 of the Administrative Code.

4765-12-03 is being amended to add language that an emergency medical responder refresher program may meet either rule 4765-12-02 or 4765-12-05 of the Administrative Code. Language was added to clarify that an individual that receives a board approved extension of time to complete continuing education requirements must submit the renewal application to the division no later than the expiration date of the granted extension. Also, the reference to "first responder" was changed to "emergency medical responder."

4765-12-04 is being amended to add skills to the emergency medical responder scope of practice to include: controlling of hemorrhaging, eye irrigation, and pulse oximeter and capnography equipment application and reading only pursuant to written or verbal authorization of a physician. Language was

added to clarify that the emergency medical responder may assist in emergency childbirth management. Also, the reference to “first responder” was changed to “emergency medical responder.”

4765-12-05 is being adopted as a new rule, which sets forth the curriculum requirements to be followed by an emergency medical responder training program and emergency medical responder refresher program that begins on or after September 1, 2012. The emergency medical responder curriculum is based on the national EMS education standards as approved by the United States national highway traffic safety administration and in accordance with the curriculum standards and scope of practice as established and adopted by the EMS board.

4765-15-01 is being amended to clarify the curriculum requirements, which need to be met by an emergency medical technician training program that begins prior to September 1, 2012. The rule also directs an emergency medical technician training program, which starts on or after September 1, 2012, to follow the curriculum standards established and adopted by the EMS board in accordance with rule 4765-15-05 of the Administrative Code. Also, the reference to “EMT-basic” was changed to “emergency medical technician.”

4765-15-03 is being amended to add language that an emergency medical technician refresher program may meet either rule 4765-15-01 or 4765-15-05 of the Administrative Code. Language was added to clarify that an individual who receives a board approved extension of time to complete continuing education requirements must submit the renewal application to the division no later than the expiration date of the granted extension. Also, the reference to “EMT-basic” was changed to “emergency medical technician.”

4765-15-04 is being amended to add and remove skills to the emergency medical technician scope of practice. Controlling of automatic transportation ventilators, venturi and partial rebreather masks, use of oxygen humidifier equipment application were skills added to the scope of practice. Additionally, orotracheal intubation procedure is being removed from the emergency medical technician scope of practice effective January 1, 2013. Also, the reference to “EMT-basic” was changed to “emergency medical technician.”

4765-15-05 is being adopted as a new rule, which sets forth the curriculum requirements for the emergency medical technician training program or emergency medical technician refresher program that begins on or after September 1, 2012. The emergency medical technician curriculum is based on the national EMS education standards as approved by the United States national highway traffic safety administration and in accordance with the curriculum standards and scope of practice as approved by the board.

4765-16-01 is being amended to clarify the curriculum requirements, which need to be met by an advanced emergency medical technician training program that begins prior to September 1, 2012. The rule also directs an advanced emergency medical technician training program, which starts on or after September 1, 2012, to follow the curriculum standards established and adopted by the board in accordance with rule 4765-16-06 of the Administrative Code. Also, the reference to “EMT-intermediate” was changed to “advanced emergency medical technician.”

4765-16-03 is being amended to add language that an advanced emergency medical technician refresher program may meet either rule 4765-16-01 or 4765-16-06 of the Administrative Code. Language was added to clarify that an individual who receives a board approved extension of time to complete continuing education requirements must submit the renewal application to the division no later than the expiration date of the granted extension. Also, the reference to “EMT-intermediate” was changed to “advanced emergency medical technician.”

4765-16-04 is being amended to add skills to the advanced emergency medical technician scope of

practice. Intravenous access and peripheral initiation and administering lidocaine for pain relief after intraosseous insertion pursuant to written or verbal authorization of a physician were skills added to the scope of practice. Also, language was added to clarify that the administration of epinephrine to be at the concentration of one to one thousand. Also, the reference to “EMT-intermediate” was changed to “advanced emergency medical technician.”

4765-16-06 is being adopted as a new rule, which sets forth the curriculum requirements for the advanced emergency medical technician training program or advanced emergency medical technician refresher program that begins on or after September 1, 2012. The advanced emergency medical technician curriculum is based on the national EMS education standards as approved by the United States national highway traffic safety administration and in accordance with the curriculum standards and scope of practice as approved by the board.

4765-17-01 is being amended to clarify the curriculum requirements, which need to be met by a paramedic training program beginning prior to September 1, 2012. The rule also directs a paramedic training program, which starts on or after September 1, 2012, to follow the curriculum standards established and adopted by the EMS board in accordance with rule 4765-17-04 of the Administrative Code. Also, the reference to “EMT-paramedic” was changed to “paramedic.”

4765-17-02 is being amended to add language that a paramedic refresher program may meet either rule 4765-17-01 or 4765-17-04 of the Administrative Code. Language was added to clarify that an individual who receives a board approved extension of time to complete continuing education requirements must submit the renewal application to the division no later than the expiration date of the granted extension. Also, the reference to “EMT-paramedic” was changed to “paramedic.”

4765-17-03 is being amended to add skills to the paramedic scope of practice. The following skills were added to the scope of practice: positive end-expiratory pressure, chest tube monitoring and management, central line monitoring, blood chemistry analysis, thrombolytic therapy initiation and monitoring, maintenance of blood administration and eye irrigation morgan lens. Also, the reference to “EMT-paramedic” was changed to “paramedic.”

4765-17-04 is being adopted as a new rule, which sets forth the curriculum requirements for the paramedic training program or paramedic refresher program that begins on or after September 1, 2012. The paramedic curriculum is based on the national EMS education standards as approved by the United States National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and in accordance with the curriculum standards and scope of practice as approved by the board.

Any persons affected by the proposed actions 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 actions 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, Telephone: (614) 466-5605.

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