

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 9:15 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 Chapter 4765-5 of the Ohio Administrative Code in response to a scheduled R.C. 119.062 five-year rule review:

Amendment of 4765-5-02 (Criteria for eligibility), 4765-5-04 (Grant Applications), and 4765-5-05 - (Grant restrictions and requirements);

Adoption of 4765-5-06 (Distribution of grant funds);

Rescission of 4765-5-06 (Distribution of grant funds).

Rule 4765-5-02 is being amended to add two new groups who are eligible for grants pursuant to R.C. 4765.07. Language was also added requiring the medical director of an EMS organization to meet the minimum requirements set forth in rule 4765-3-05 of the Administrative Code.

Rule 4765-5-04 is being amended to clarify which grant applications can be completed electronically. Also, the requirement for an applicant to have a notarized signature on the application has been removed.

Rule 4765-5-05 is being amended to allow for retroactive reimbursements for sixth priority grant recipients for national accreditation at the paramedic level, as long as the application for accreditation was made on or after February 25, 2010. The rule prohibits grant funds to be used for indirect costs or fringe benefits. Also, if a grantee fails to expend an amount greater than three hundred dollars by August thirty-first of the grant year, the grantee may be adversely impacted in subsequent grant cycles.

Rule 4765-5-06 is being rescinded and simultaneously adopted as a new rule to change the order of the grant priorities and add two new priorities. The board will have the flexibility to conduct the needed research. Also, under sixth priority, grants may be approved to paramedic programs seeking national accreditation.

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 if enacted.

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