

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The State Board of Emergency Medical Services will conduct a public hearing, pursuant to section 119.03 of the Revised Code, on Wednesday, October 17, 2012, 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 amend rules 4765-1-01 (Definitions) and 4765-7-02 (Accreditation of Ohio EMS training programs), and to adopt rule 4765-7-13 (National accreditation of paramedic training programs) to the Ohio Administrative Code.

These rules are being proposed in response to the EMS Education Agenda for the Future, a national initiative approved by the United States National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and to ensure that educational outcomes for EMS providers are aligned with the expectations of the public safety services through national curricula standards, national accreditation, and national standard testing.

Rule 4765-1-01 is being amended to update EMS provider terms and to add "Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or CAAHEP," "Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions or CoAEMSP," "Letter of review," and "Self-study" to the list of definitions.

Rule 4765-7-02 is being amended to update EMS provider names and to require an institution that has been issued a certificate by the EMS Board to operate an Ohio accredited paramedic training program to comply with sections 4765.16 and 4765.17 of the Revised Code, rule 4765-7-13 of the Administrative Code, and to hold a current and valid certificate of national accreditation issued by CAAHEP or a letter of review issued by CoAEMSP on January 1, 2018 to continue to operate its program.

Rule 4765-7-13 is being adopted to: 1) require that an institution operating an EMS training program at the paramedic level on or after January 1, 2018, to hold both a current, valid certificate of accreditation issued by the EMS Board, as well as a current, valid certificate of national accreditation issued by CAAHEP or a letter of review issued by CoAEMSP; and 2) to establish a process for the institution to notify current and prospective students of its accreditation status and providing the EMS Board with written notice of compliance and any disciplinary or corrective action issued by CoAEMSP.

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.publicsafety.ohio.gov/ems_rules_notices.stm.

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