

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Emergency Medical Services**

Date: June 18, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Ohio Department of Public Safety
1970 West Broad Street, Room 134
Columbus, Ohio 43223

The Ohio Department of Public Safety, State Board of Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services, will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of soliciting comments on the following proposed changes to Chapter 4765-7 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), entitled "Accreditation of Training Programs." Chapter 4765-7 is being filed in response to a completed R.C. 119.032 five-year rule review.

OAC Chapter 4765-7 sets forth the conditions under which the Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services Board (Board) may approve, renew, reinstate or deny an application for a certificate of accreditation or a certificate of approval to operate EMS training programs. This chapter also sets forth the levels of EMS training which may be operated and the conditions under which accredited institutions and approved continuing education (CE) programs may offer emergency medical services (EMS) training utilizing online education and/or distance learning systems.

Pursuant to its completed Revised Code (R.C.) section 119.032 five-year rule review, EMS proposes to amend:

Rule 4765-7-01 (Merging of certificates of accreditation and general provisions) to provide that certificates of accreditation may be issued with valid dates up to five years in accordance with Am. Sub. H.B. 1, 128th General Assembly and to address materials incorporated by reference in compliance with R.C. sections 121.71 to 121.74;

Rule 4765-7-02 (Accreditation of Ohio EMS training programs) to reflect statutory changes to EMS provider titles as set forth by Sub. H.B. 128, 129th General Assembly and to address materials incorporated by reference in compliance with R.C. sections 121.71 to 121.74;

Rules 4765-7-04 (Application for accreditation); 4765-7-07 (Renewal of a certificate of accreditation); 4765-7-08 (Reinstatement of a certificate of accreditation or approval, or provisional certificate of accreditation or approval); and 4765-7-09 (Approval of Ohio EMS continuing education programs) to address materials incorporated by reference in compliance with R.C. sections 121.71 to 121.74; and

Rules 4765-7-11 (Continuing education course requirements for Ohio EMS accredited and approved institutions) and 4765-7-13 (National accreditation of paramedic programs) by removing language which is no longer valid.

Rule 4765-7-12 (Online education and distance learning delivery systems for EMS training programs offered through an accredited institution) is being proposed as a rescinded/new rule due to LSC formatting guidelines as it is estimated that changes to the new rule strike approximately fifty percent of the text in the existing rule while adding a comparable amount of new text. Changes to the new rule update terminology to reflect changes in technology and reorganize the paragraphs for clarity and consistency.

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 if enacted.

The proposed rules may be accessed electronically via the Division of EMS website at http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/ems_rules_notices.stm. Questions and/or public comments regarding the proposed rules may be addressed to Linda Mirarchi at (614) 387-0648.