

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The State Board of Emergency Medical Services will conduct a public hearing pursuant to R.C. 119.02 through 119.04 on Wednesday, December 20, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 134 (first floor) of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223. The purpose of the hearing will be to solicit public comment on the following proposed rule to the Ohio Administrative Code:

Amendment of 4765-7-07

Current language requires accredited schools to show a 65% passage rate among students taking the initial certification examination on their first attempt. Amended language considers more than just the first-time passage rate. In order to be eligible for renewal under the amended rule, schools must show that during their accreditation cycle at least 80% of their students who took the certification examination passed, regardless of the number of attempts. Other amended language entails the removal of the requirement that the Division of EMS mail renewal applications; new language substitutes the word "distribute" so that applications can be sent electronically.

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and present oral and/or written testimony. Written comments must be submitted to Heather Frient, Legal Services, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223. Comments received at the above address before the hearing will be treated as testimony.

These rules may be accessed electronically via the Division of EMS website (<http://www.ems.ohio.gov/rules.htm>). Questions concerning these proposed rules may be addressed to Ms. Frient at 614-466-7014.