

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, November 14, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at the American College of Emergency Physicians, 3510 Snouffer Road, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43235. The purpose of the hearing will be to solicit public comment on the following proposed rules to the Ohio Administrative Code:

Rescission of 4765-4-01 (State trauma registry), 4765-4-02 (Operation of state trauma registry), 4765-4-03 (Required reporting to state trauma registry), 4765-4-04 (Definitions), 4765-4-05 (Purpose of risk adjustment), 4765-4-06 (Risk adjustment of state trauma registry data), 4765-4-07 (Protected information within the state trauma registry), 4765-4-08 (Risk adjustment deliberations), 4765-10-01 (Complaint procedure), 4765-10-02 (Investigations by the board), 4765-13-01 (Definitions), 4765-13-02 (Purpose), 4765-13-03 (Required reporting), 4765-13-04 (Format), 4765-13-05 (Reporting deadlines), 4765-13-06 (Reports), 4765-13-07 (Notifications), 4765-13-08 (Failure to report), 4765-13-09 (Advisory committee), 4765-13-10 (Protected information within the EMS incident reporting system), and 4765-19-01 (Continuing education requirement); and

Adoption of 4765-4-01 (Definitions), 4765-4-02 (Purpose), 4765-4-03 (Required reporting), 4765-4-04 (Risk adjustment), 4765-4-05 (Protected information), 4765-4-06 (Submission of data), 4765-4-07 (Reporting deadlines), 4765-4-08 (Failure to report), 4765-4-09 (Regional reporting), 4765-7-11 (Continuing education course requirements for Ohio EMS accredited and approved institutions), 4765-10-01 (Definitions for disciplinary actions), 4765-10-02 (Investigations), and 4765-19-01 (Continuing education for first responders and EMTs); and

Amendment of 4765-10-03 (Administrative actions) and 4765-10-05 (Report of administrative actions).

Several rules in this package are being rescinded and filed as new rules due to an LSC rule-drafting requirement that requires an agency to rescind a rule and file it as a new rule if 50% or more of the rule is being amended.

Proposed new rule 4765-19-01 provides a variety of formats, including online, in which certified First Responders and EMTs may obtain continuing education. Proposed new rule 4765-7-11 establishes requirements that accredited institutions and approved institutions must meet in order to offer continuing education programs, including those online.

Proposed changes to rules within Chapter 4765-10 involve clarifications of the disciplinary and investigatory process and incorporation of new laws (R.C. sections 4765.101 and 4765.102).

Proposed changes to Chapters 4765-4 and 4765-13 are for the purpose of consolidating rules pertaining to data issues (rather than having two separate chapters and two different committees covering the Trauma Registry and EMS Incident Reporting System, respectively).

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and present oral and/or written testimony. Written comments must be submitted to Heather Reed 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. Reed Frient at 614-466-7014.