

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The EMS Board will conduct a public hearing pursuant to R.C. 119.02 through 119.04 on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 134, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223. The purpose of the hearing will be to solicit public comment on the following proposed rules to the Ohio Administrative Code:

Amendment of 4765-2-04 (Public notice of rule adoption, amend or rescission), 4765-8-01 (Qualifications for a certificate to practice), 4765-8-15 (Certification by reciprocity), 4765-15-03 (EMT-basic continuing education), 4765-16-03 (EMT-intermediate continuing education), 4765-18-08 (Reinstatement of a certificate to teach as an EMS Instructor), 4765-18-13 (Fire service instructor seeking certificate to teach as an EMS instructor), and 4765-19-03 (Extension of continuing education requirement);

Adoption of 4765-6-03 (Additional services in a declared emergency), 4765-6-05 (Exposure to a nerve or organophosphate agent), and 4765-17-02 (EMT-Paramedic continuing education);

Rescission of 4765-6-03 (Additional services in a declared emergency), and 4765-17-02 (EMT-Paramedic continuing education).

Rule 4765-2-04 is being amended to add the requirement that the Board post public notices of rules on the Register of Ohio website and the Division of EMS' website.

Rule 4765-6-03 is being rescinded and adopted as a new rule to reflect the reorganization of information in Chapter 4765-6 of the Administrative Code. The proposed rule allows first responders and EMTs to perform immunizations and administer drugs in response to a public health emergency as declared by the governor.

Rule 4765-6-05 is being adopted as a new rule to reflect the reorganization of information in Chapter 4765-6 of the Administrative Code. This proposed rule permits a first responder and EMTs to administer drugs in response to exposure to a nerve or organophosphate agent.

Rule 4765-8-01 is being amended to correct an outdated reference in the rule.

Rule 4765-8-15 is being amended in order to correct an outdated reference in the rule and further clarify that a person who is eligible for reinstatement is not eligible to apply through the reciprocity process. Furthermore, if a person's emergency medical technician certificate has been revoked, the person is not

eligible for reciprocity.

Rule 4765-15-03 is being amended to clarify and update the continuing education requirements to successfully renew an EMT-Basic certificate to practice. The trauma requirement was amended. An EMT-Basic still needs to complete eight hours of continuing education pertaining to trauma issues. The two hour requirement for trauma triage and transportation protocols requirement was lifted, however an EMT-Basic must ensure the eight hours of trauma issues include the completion of trauma triage and transportation, but there is not longer a set hour requirement for this stipulation. The rule clarifies all renewal requirements must be completed by the expiration date of the current certificate or the expiration date of a granted extension.

Rule 4765-16-03 is being amended to clarify and update the continuing education requirements to successfully renew an EMT-Intermediate certificate to practice. The trauma requirement was amended. An EMT-Intermediate still needs to complete eight hours of continuing education pertaining to trauma issues. The two hour requirement for trauma triage and transportation protocols requirement was lifted, however an EMT-Intermediate must ensure the eight hours of trauma issues include the completion of trauma triage and transportation, but there is no longer a set hour requirement for this stipulation. The rule clarifies that all renewal requirements must be completed by the expiration date of the current certificate or the expiration date of a granted extension.

Rule 4765-17-02 is being rescinded and adopted as a new rule to update the continuing education requirements to successfully renew an EMT-Paramedic certificate to practice. The ninety-two hour requirement was changed to eighty-six hours. Specifically the twelve hours of emergency cardiac care was changed to six hours. The trauma requirement was amended. An EMT-Paramedic still needs to complete eight hours of continuing education pertaining to trauma issues. The two hour requirement for trauma triage and transportation protocols requirement was lifted, however an EMT-Paramedic must ensure the eight hours of trauma issues include the completion of trauma triage and transportation, but there is no longer a set hour requirement for this stipulation. The proposed rule clarifies all renewal requirements must be completed by the expiration date of the current certificate or the expiration date of a granted extension.

Rule 4765-18-08 is being amended to correct omissions in the rule for requirements for a person to reinstate a certificate to teach in order to make the rule consistent with Chapter 4765-18. Specifically, the requirements for a person to be certified or licensed for at least five years in the preceding seven years as a first responder, EMT, registered nurse or physician assistant and the requirement for the person to hold a current and valid certificate to practice as a first

responder, EMT, registered nurse, or physician assistant were added to the rule to correct the omission.

Rule 4765-18-13 is being amended to correct an error found in a recent rule filing. The time line of requirements for a fire service instructor to become an EMS instructor was corrected in accordance with other rules in Chapter 4765-18.

Rule 4765-19-03 is being amended in order to clarify that a first responder or EMT who has been granted an extension of time to comply with the continuing education required for renewal must submit the renewal application prior to the expiration date of the granted extension.

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and present oral and/or written testimony. Written comments must be submitted to John Guldin, 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 Mr. Guldin at 614-466-7014.