

Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

Part A - General Questions

Rule Number: 4765-17-03

Rule Type: Amendment

Rule Title/Tagline: Paramedic scope of practice.

Agency Name: State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services

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I. Rule Summary

1. **Is this a five year rule review?** No
 - A. **What is the rule's five year review date?** 3/1/2023
2. **Is this rule the result of recent legislation?** No
3. **What statute is this rule being promulgated under?** 119.03
4. **What statute(s) grant rule writing authority?** 4765.11, 4765.39
5. **What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify?** 1547.11, 4506.17, 4511.19, 4765.39, 4765.391
6. **What are the reasons for proposing the rule?**

Rules 4765-17-03 is amended to add approved additional services to the paramedic scope of practice as set forth in section 4765.39 of the ORC.
7. **Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

Rule 4765-17-03 sets forth the emergency medical services that may be performed by a paramedic and the conditions under which the services may be performed. The rule states that a medical director for an emergency medical organization may

limit the scope of practice for paramedics within the organization. The rule requires paramedics performing emergency medical services within the scope of practice to have received training as part of their initial certification course or through subsequent training approved by the EMFTS board, or in certain emergency medical services, after having received training approved by the local medical director. Paragraph (B) is added to permit non-emergent ambulance transport of a stable patient less than sixteen years of age who has a chronic condition requiring a tracheostomy tube and a ventilator, provided the patient's caregiver, trained in the use of the patient's ventilator, accompanies the patient during transport. In addition, paragraph (A)(21) is deleted, because it is a duplicate of paragraph (A)(3).

8. **Does the rule incorporate material by reference?** No
9. **If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.75 please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

Not Applicable

10. **If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

Not Applicable

II. Fiscal Analysis

11. **Please estimate the increase / decrease in the agency's revenues or expenditures in the current biennium due to this rule.**

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

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Not Applicable

12. **What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?**

The costs to revise the paramedic scope of practice as set forth in this filing is minimal.

13. **Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B).** No

14. Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C). No
15. If the rule imposes a regulation fee, explain how the fee directly relates to your agency's cost in regulating the individual or business.

Not Applicable

III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions

16. Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office? Yes
17. Does this rule have an adverse impact on business? Yes
 - A. Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? No
 - B. Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? No
 - C. Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? Yes

The costs to revise the paramedic scope of practice as set forth in this filing is minimal. The expansion to the scope of practice proposed in this amendment to 4765-17-03 will create a minimal need for additions to paramedic training. EMS staff will be responsible for transporting pediatric patients—already included in paramedic training. An appropriately trained caregiver, Ohio licensed registered nurse or respiratory therapist, or other appropriately trained and licensed Ohio healthcare provider will accompany the patient and will be responsible for ventilator management.

- D. Is it likely that the rule will directly reduce the revenue or increase the expenses of the lines of business of which it will apply or applies? No