

# CSI - Ohio

## The Common Sense Initiative

**Agency Name:** [Ohio Department of Public Safety \(DPS\) - Division of Emergency Medical Services \(EMS\), State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services](#)

**Regulation/Package Title:** [EMT Curriculums](#)

**Rule Number(s):** [OAC Rules 4765-6-01, 4765-6-02, 4765-6-03, 4765-6-04, 4765-6-05, 4765-6-06, 4765-6-07](#)

**Date:** [September 21, 2018](#)

**Rule Type:**

☒ New

☒ Amended

☒ No Change

☒ 5-Year Review

☐ Rescinded

## Business Impact Analysis

The Common Sense Initiative was established by Executive Order 2011-01K and placed within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. Under the CSI Initiative, agencies should balance the critical objectives of all regulations with the costs of compliance by the regulated parties. Agencies should promote transparency, consistency, predictability, and flexibility in regulatory activities. Agencies should prioritize compliance over punishment, and to that end, should utilize plain language in the development of regulations.

### **Regulatory Intent**

**1. Please briefly describe the draft regulation in plain language.**

*Please include the key provisions of the regulation as well as any proposed amendments.*

Chapter 4765-6 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) sets forth general provisions for evaluating, approving, and delivering emergency medical services that expand the scope of practice for EMS providers, in accordance with section 4765.11 of the Revised Code (RC), as well as curriculum and instruction guidelines for EMS accredited programs.

A summary of each of the seven rules proposed as part of OAC Chapter 4765-6 is:

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<b>4765-6-01</b>	<b>Amend</b>	<b>Procedures for additional services.</b>
Rule 4765-6-01 sets forth the procedures by which the Board evaluates and may authorize additional services to expand EMS scopes of practice.		
<b>4765-6-02</b>	<b>Amend</b>	<b>General provisions.</b>
Rule 4765-6-02 sets forth the conditions under which an EMS training program and EMS continuing education program are offered. This rule refers readers to the incorporated by reference rule.		
<b>4765-6-03</b>	<b>No Change</b>	<b>Additional services in a declared emergency.</b>
Rule 4765-6-03 sets forth the additional services which may be performed by an EMS provider in the event of an emergency declared by the governor that affects public health.		
<b>4765-6-04</b>	<b>No Change</b>	<b>Research study impacting scope of practice.</b>
Rule 4765-6-04 sets forth the requirements and process for an entity to seek approval from the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (EMFTS) to conduct a research study that would allow EMS providers to temporarily perform services beyond their scopes of practice.		
<b>4765-6-05</b>	<b>No Change</b>	<b>Exposure to a nerve or organophosphate agent.</b>
Rule 4765-6-05 sets forth the conditions under which an EMS provider may administer medication in response to suspected or known exposure to a nerve or organophosphate agent.		
<b>4765-6-06</b>	<b>No Change</b>	<b>Withdrawing of blood for evidence collection.</b>
Rule 4765-6-06 sets forth the conditions under which an advanced emergency medical technician or a paramedic may withdraw blood for the purpose of evidence collection.		
<b>4765-6-07</b>	<b>NEW</b>	<b>Rescue task force awareness training requirements.</b>
Rule 4765-6-07 sets forth the Rescue Task Force (RTF) training requirements for emergency medical services certification and renewal as recently approved by the State Board of EMFTS. The rules refers to a training module provided for accredited EMS training programs and an online training module made available to accredited EMS training programs and individuals. This rule refers readers to the incorporated by reference rule.		

OAC rules 4765-6-03, 4765-6-04, 4765-6-05, and 4765-6-06 are proposed as No Change rules.

Pursuant to a scheduled RC 106.03 five- year rule review, the following amendments are proposed for two of the rules in OAC Chapter 4765-6:

- OAC rules 4765-6-01 is revised to correct the website address for the scope of practice document.
- OAC rules 4765-6-02 is revised to correct the location of the incorporated by reference rule in the comment and to delete information about the publication date and location of a document referenced in the paragraph (B); the information will be included in OAC rule 4765-1-03. Paragraph (E) is revised to include a reference to OAC Chapter 4765-18.

OAC 4765-6-07 is a new rule that sets forth the requirement that rescue task force (RTF) awareness training be incorporated into EMR and EMT initial training effective September 1,

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2019, as approved by the members of the State Board of EMFTS on October 17, 2017. The rules also sets forth the requirement that the RTF awareness training be completed one time as a continuing education requirement, using the module provided on the ODPS Public Safety Training Campus, as approved by members of the EMTFS Board on April 18, 2018.

**2. Please list the Ohio statute authorizing the Agency to adopt this regulation.**

R. C. 4765.11, R. C. 4765.35, R. C. 4765.37, R. C. 4765.38, and R. C. 4765.39

4765-6-01	4765.11
4765-6-02	4765.11
4765-6-03	4765.11, 4765.35, 4765.37, 4765.38, and 4765.39
4765-6-04	4765.11
4765-6-05	4765.11, 4765.35, 4765.37, 4765.38, and 4765.39
4765-6-06	4765.11, 4765.38, and 4765.39
4765-6-07	4765.11

**3. Does the regulation implement a federal requirement? Is the proposed regulation being adopted or amended to enable the state to obtain or maintain approval to administer and enforce a federal law or to participate in a federal program?**

*If yes, please briefly explain the source and substance of the federal requirement.*

The regulations do not implement federal requirements, nor are they being adopted to participate in a federal program.

**4. If the regulation includes provisions not specifically required by the federal government, please explain the rationale for exceeding the federal requirement.**

Not applicable.

**5. What is the public purpose for this regulation (i.e., why does the Agency feel that there needs to be any regulation in this area at all)?**

Rules OAC 4765-6-01 to 4765-6-06 set parameters for the delivery of pre-hospital emergency medical services training and patient care to assure well-trained EMS providers, improved response in emergencies, and increased safety while delivering services.

Rule 4765-6-07 is added as approved by the State Board of EMFTS to serve the same purposes and in an effort to encourage implementation of the rescue task force concept, which has been developed following the increase in active shooter/active aggressor incidents.

**6. How will the Agency measure the success of this regulation in terms of outputs and/or outcomes?**

The success of the regulations will be measured by analyzing the data in the Emergency Medical Services Incident Reporting System (EMSIRS) to evaluate response, determine

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the number of times these procedures are performed, if reported, and the success of delivery. EMSIRS was established by the Board for the collection of information on all urgent and emergent responses regarding the delivery of emergency medical services in Ohio.

The rescue task force awareness training required by new rule 4765-6-07 is offered as a free, online course at the Public Safety Training Campus, which includes a function to allow DEMS to monitor the number of individuals attempting/completing the course. Program directors use the DEMS Education Section's course tracking database to enter information including courses offered, students completing courses, certificates issued, and notification of eligibility to complete National Registry testing. DEMS staff can use the database to monitor RTF awareness training modules offered by EMS training programs and successfully completed by students. Following the date that RTF awareness training is required, DEMS staff will include it as part of the certification audit process.

### **Development of the Regulation**

**7. Please list the stakeholders included by the Agency in the development or initial review of the draft regulation.**

*If applicable, please include the date and medium by which the stakeholders were initially contacted.*

OAC 4765-6 was reviewed for formatting, spelling, and punctuation and revised, as needed, by staff of the Division of Emergency Medical Services (DEMS). The draft created, along with a draft of the new rescue task force awareness training rule, was provided to members of the State Board of EMFTS prior to the Board's June 20, 2018, meeting and briefly discussed during the meeting.

The new rule OAC 4765-6-07 was developed by an ad hoc committee of the Homeland Security Sub-Committee formed by the State Board of EMFTS on April 20, 2016, to pursue the development of awareness level training of the rescue task force concept. The ad hoc committee consisted of fire, EMS, and law enforcement personnel and Ohio Homeland Security, Ohio Emergency Management, and the Ohio Division of EMS, the state medical director, and other agency personnel. The ad hoc committee reported to the Homeland Security Sub-Committee and the State Board of EMFTS and completed development of the training in late 2017. The rescue task force concept and training materials were discussed during meetings of the Education Committee beginning in August 2016. State Board of EMFTS members approved sunseting the ad hoc committee on February 15, 2018, and during the same month published "*The Evolution of EMS Response to Active Shooter Incidents*" at its "State Board Policies & Position Papers" website ( <http://www.ems.ohio.gov/about-papers.aspx> ).

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The five-year rule review scheduled for OAC 4765-6 was discussed at the June 19, 2018, meeting of the Education Committee of the State Board of EMFTS, and on July 2, 2018, the draft, including a draft of the new RTF rule, was emailed to members of the Education Committee. The Education Committee members were asked to provide comments and suggestions to the DEMS staff by July 20, 2018. One comment was received.

The draft RTF rule, OAC 4765-6-07, was provided to the members of the Homeland Security Sub-Committee before its August 3, 2018, meeting and discussed and accepted during the meeting.

The draft rules and draft BIA were provided to members of the State Board of EMFTS prior to its August 15, 2018, meeting, and the State Board of EMFTS approved filing the OAC 4765-6 draft rules and BIA with the CSI office during the meeting.

When the rules and BIA are filed with CSI, they will be sent to subscribers to the EMS-Instructors, EMS-Agency, EMS General, and EMS for Children lists by the Division of EMS using the gov.delivery.com notification system. Approximately 3,200 subscribers who receive the rules will have an opportunity to provide comments during the following sixteen business days.

**8. What input was provided by the stakeholders, and how did that input affect the draft regulation being proposed by the Agency?**

The recommendations of the RTF ad hoc committee and the motions approved by the State Board of EMFTS on October 17, 2017, and April 18, 2018, with input from the Education Committee and Homeland Security Sub-Committee, were used to draft the new RTF awareness training rule (4765-6-07).

On July 3, 2018, a member of the Education Committee contacted the DPS EMS Rules email address suggesting that OAC 4765-6-02 (F)(2) be revised to include information about allowing military training to be considered for credit toward training for EMTs and EMRs. DEMS responded to the suggestion by explaining that OAC Chapter 4765-8 (*Qualifications for a certificate to practice.*) provides the information concerning the use of military training as credit toward certification.

**9. What scientific data was used to develop the rule or the measurable outcomes of the rule? How does this data support the regulation being proposed?**

EMS curricula and scopes of practice are based on research studies and results acquired by the State Board of EMFTS from national EMS organizations, national publications, and research funded through Division of EMS grants. Provisions in the rules reflect the

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Board's statutory responsibility to adopt rules that establish standards for the performance of emergency medical services by emergency medical responders (EMR), emergency medical technicians (EMT), advanced emergency medical technicians (AEMT) and paramedics pursuant to section 4765.11 of the RC.

Sources of information used to develop the rescue task force awareness training rule are compiled in "*The Evolution of EMS Response to Active Shooter Incidents*" found at the "State Board Policies & Position Papers" website ( <http://www.ems.ohio.gov/about-papers.aspx> ).

**10. What alternative regulations (or specific provisions within the regulation) did the Agency consider, and why did it determine that these alternatives were not appropriate? If none, why didn't the Agency consider regulatory alternatives?**

In order to assure safe, effective, and efficient response and delivery of emergency medical services, few regulatory alternatives can be considered for scopes of practice. The foundation for Ohio's EMS scope of practice is the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) *National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines*. Members of the Medical Oversight Committee (MOC) and the State Board of EMFTS, the state medical director, and DEMS staff monitor the NASEMSO guidelines, suggestions from members of the EMS community, and current research and industry recommendations and consider and adopt revisions to the scope of practice on an ongoing basis as authorized in sections 4765.35 (EMR), 4765.37 (EMT), 4765.38 (AEMT), and 4765.39 (Paramedic) of the RC. Curriculum and continuing education rules are revised to reflect changes in the scope of practice rules.

**11. Did the Agency specifically consider a performance-based regulation? Please explain. *Performance-based regulations define the required outcome, but don't dictate the process the regulated stakeholders must use to achieve compliance.***

The curriculum standards referenced in proposed rule 4765-6-02 of the OAC are competency-based (performance based) education standards. Pursuant to section 4765.16 of the RC, accredited EMS training organizations and approved continuing education programs may develop their own training courses under the direction of a physician who specializes in emergency medicine as long as the course meets the curricula and course objectives set forth in this chapter.

**12. What measures did the Agency take to ensure that this regulation does not duplicate an existing Ohio regulation?**

The Division of Emergency Medical Services is the only authority for EMS training, instruction, and certification; therefore, a review of Chapter 4765. of the RC and agency 4765 of the OAC was completed. The Division of Emergency Medical Services staff and DPS legal staff reviewed Chapter 4729. of the RC and agency 4729 of the OAC to avoid

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duplication and/or conflict with Board of Pharmacy authority. In addition, the Division of Emergency Medical Services staff and DPS legal staff reviewed Chapter 4731. of the RC and agency 4731 of the OAC to avoid duplication and/or conflict with Medical Board authority.

**13. Please describe the Agency’s plan for implementation of the regulation, including any measures to ensure that the regulation is applied consistently and predictably for the regulated community.**

Using the Division’s website ( [EMS.ohio.gov](http://EMS.ohio.gov) ) and the [gov.delivery.com](http://gov.delivery.com) user groups, the division will provide stakeholders with final rules, rule summaries, and changes to Chapter 4765-6 of the OAC. The approved Ohio EMS curriculum and CE requirements are published to the EMS website at the following link:

<http://www.ems.ohio.gov/accreditation-curriculum.aspx>. DEMS staff notify the EMS accredited EMS training programs about the approved Ohio EMS curriculum and rule revisions via email. The information is made available to accredited EMS training programs and approved EMS CE programs through program director directives published on the <http://www.ems.ohio.gov/portal.aspx>.

Division of EMS staff are available via telephone and/or face-to-face meetings to assist institutions and approved sites. Questions may be submitted via email to “Ask EMS” ( [ASKEMS@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:ASKEMS@dps.ohio.gov) ) or directly to the Division’s education staff ( [EMSEducation@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:EMSEducation@dps.ohio.gov) ).

The Division of EMS posts information about the rule review process, including those rules scheduled for review, drafts open for public comment, proposed rules and public hearing notices, and recently adopted rules, at its *Small Business Regulatory Impact* website ( [http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/ems\\_rules.stm](http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/ems_rules.stm) ). The laws and rules associated with emergency medical services are provided as links at the “*Laws and Rules Overview*” site ( <http://www.ems.ohio.gov/laws.aspx> ), and the amended rules, when they become effective, will be available through that link. The Division of EMS will use the EMS [gov.delivery.com](http://gov.delivery.com) system, which includes EMS-Instructors, EMS-Agency, EMS General, and EMS for Children lists, to distribute the final rules to stakeholders when they become effective.

Division of EMS staff will receive email notification of the rule changes and attend section briefings regarding the implementation policy and procedures. During its meetings, the State Board of EMFTS and its committees, subcommittees, advisory boards, and work groups receive regular updates about EMS rules. In addition, notification of the rule changes to Division staff will be delivered internally through staff meetings, and cross-training of staff on co-workers’ job responsibilities that will increase the overall knowledge and efficiency of the Division.

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The appointees to the State Board of EMFTS represent Ohio's fire and emergency medical services, private medical transportation services, mobile intensive care providers, air medical providers, trauma programs, hospitals, emergency physicians, EMS training programs and the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Board members communicate with these stakeholder organizations to keep their members apprised of the rule review and revision process.

To implement the new rule OAC 4765-6-07 (*Rescue task force awareness training requirements.*), a free, online "Rescue Task Force Awareness Training" module (Catalog ID WBT906) has been developed and is available at the ODPS Public Safety Training Campus. A training module provided for accredited EMS training programs has been posted at the "*EMS Training Program Curriculum & Education Standards*" website ( <http://www.ems.ohio.gov/accreditation-curriculum.aspx> ). Additional information about the RTF awareness training is posted at the EMS "*Critical Information*" website; it encourages EMS providers to use the resources available to complete the RTF awareness training in advance of the rule's effective date and accredited EMS training programs to prepare now to meet with RTF requirements when the rule becomes effective. Similar notification information has been sent by [gov.delivery.com](http://gov.delivery.com) to EMS and fire instructors and fire chiefs, EMS agencies and fire charters, and as EMS and fire general bulletins.

### **Adverse Impact to Business**

#### **14. Provide a summary of the estimated cost of compliance with the rule. Specifically, please do the following:**

##### **a. Identify the scope of the impacted business community;**

The scope of the impacted business community fluctuates but includes approximately:

- 1,304 EMS organizations (June 2016);
- 41,351 EMS providers (June 2018);
- 5,157 EMS instructors (June 2018);
- 90 EMS accredited institutions (June 2018);
- 538 approved EMS continuing education institutions (June 2018); and
- 219 medical directors (July 2018).

SOURCE: Division of Emergency Medical Services

##### **b. Identify the nature of the adverse impact (e.g., license fees, fines, employer time for compliance); and**

OAC chapter 4765-6 in and of itself, does not require specific expenditures. However, the rules amplify Revised Code that specifies the EMS authorized services and EMS curriculum standards. The nature of the adverse impact may result from obtaining or

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providing training when additional services are approved by the Board as maximum scope of practice boundaries for each level of EMS provider. The cost of compliance will be determined by the EMS organization and its medical director, who determines the extent to which the emergency medical services approved by the Board are adopted into local protocol.

OAC rule 4765-6-01 sets forth the procedures the Board shall take when approving additional services. Stakeholders have indicated that there would be no cost to comply with these rules.

OAC rule 4765-6-02 sets forth the general provisions to be met by a training program operating EMS initial training programs approved by the Board. This rule, in and of itself, does not require specific expenditures. However, it requires compliance with the education standards set forth in rules 4765-12, 4765-15, 4765-16, and 4765-17.

OAC rule 4765-6-04 sets forth the process by which the Board shall approve research studies impacting scope of practice. EMS organizations are not required to conduct a research study; organizations that chose to conduct a study would consider the costs to submit a research proposal; obtain necessary equipment, if needed; conduct the study; report findings; submit a final report; and appear before the Board, if requested.

OAC rules 4765-6-03 and 4765-6-05 set forth the conditions under which an EMS provider may administer immunizations and necessary medications for exposure to a nerve agent. Stakeholders have indicated that there would be no cost to comply with these rules.

OAC rule 4765-6-06 does not mandate an EMS organization to comply with this rule about withdrawing blood for evidence collection. An organization may comply with the written approval of its medical director. The medical director determines the level of emergency medical services provided and the extent to which the scope of practice is adopted into local protocol. Stakeholders have indicated that there would be no cost to comply with this rule.

OAC rule 4765-6-07 requires accredited EMS training programs to incorporate RTF awareness training into EMR and EMT initial training effective September 1, 2019. Many of the programs now include some form of RTF awareness training in their curriculums. For those programs that will be adding the training, an RTF training module has been made available free of charge in two formats. A classroom training module is posted at the *"EMS Training Programs Curriculums & Education Standards"*

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website (<http://www.ems.ohio.gov/accreditation-curriculum.aspx> ) and an online, one credit-hour course to be completed by individuals (Catalog ID WBT906) is available at the ODPS Public Safety Training Campus ( <http://www.ems.ohio.gov/education-pstc.aspx> ). The online course can also be accessed by individuals seeking continuing education credit. The time required to comply with RTF awareness training requirements is estimated to be less than one hour.

**c. Quantify the expected adverse impact from the regulation.**

*The adverse impact can be quantified in terms of dollars, hours to comply, or other factors; and may be estimated for the entire regulated population or for a “representative business.” Please include the source for your information/estimated impact.*

OAC rule 4765-6-01 – no cost of compliance.

Prior to the 2014 filing stakeholders indicated the estimated costs of compliance with OAC 4765-6-02 to the EMS training institutions will vary depending on the EMS level of training and number of training hours.

\*The cost of compliance to the EMS student will also vary depending on the EMS level of training and number of training hours. Tuition costs range from:

- \$300 - \$700 for EMR training,
- \$500-\$1200 for EMT training,
- \$1000-\$2000 for AEMT training, and
- \$4000-\$10,000 for paramedic training.

\*Source: The information was updated in 2017 by DEMS staff following review of a sample of initial and renewal applications submitted by accredited institutions during the period of 01/01/2017 to 08/01/2017.

Stakeholders report no cost of compliance related to OAC rules 4765-6-03 and 4765-6-05. The fire departments, EMS agencies, and private ambulance services currently possess the training kits, and the Division of EMS has provided EMS training modules on the administration of immunizations and dangerous medications and the exposure to a nerve of organophosphate agent (CHEM-PACK). Training modules are approved by the state medical director and are available at no cost to the organization. CHEM-PACK training is available on the Ohio Department of Public Safety Public Safety Training Campus ( <https://trainingcampus.dps.ohio.gov/cm/cm710/home.html> ).

Costs to comply with OAC rule 4765-6-04 would vary depending on the study selected by the EMS organization and would include the costs to submit a research proposal; obtain necessary equipment, if needed; conduct the study; report findings; submit a final report; and appear before the State Board of EMFTS, if requested. The rule does

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not require an EMS organization to conduct a study, and organizations can apply for grant funding for research projects designed to improve and enhance EMS and trauma patient care in Ohio, as described at the “EMS Grant Program” website ( <http://www.ems.ohio.gov/grants.aspx> ).

**\*\*OAC rule 4765-6-06 – no cost of compliance.**

**\*\*Source:** The estimated cost of compliance was determined by the Education Committee of the Board and replies to a statewide survey sent to all accredited institutions to ascertain adverse impact prior to the 2014 filing. The committee members include EMS and continuing education training program directors, EMS instructors, EMS providers, and employers for private ambulance agencies and full-time and volunteer fire departments.

The time required to comply with RTF awareness training requirements set forth in rule 4765-6-07 of the OAC is estimated to be less than one hour of class time or personal time. Training resources are provided free-of-charge.

**15. Why did the Agency determine that the regulatory intent justifies the adverse impact to the regulated business community?**

Pursuant to section 4765.11 of the RC, the Board is statutorily required to promulgate rules in regard to establishing standards of performance for EMS providers and the procedures for approving additional emergency medical services to be performed by EMS providers beyond those specified in law. Allowing additional services pursuant to a research study will determine whether such services are necessary to be included in the scope of practice for patient health and safety.

**Regulatory Flexibility**

**16. Does the regulation provide any exemptions or alternative means of compliance for small businesses? Please explain.**

In order to assure safe, effective, and efficient response and delivery of emergency medical services, few alternatives can be considered for scopes of practice. The rules do not mandate an EMS organization to offer EMS training or EMS continuing education or to adopt any procedure or purchase any equipment. In addition, an EMS organization issued a certificate of accreditation or approval is not required to operate all levels or specific levels of EMS training.

OAC rule 4765-6-02 allows EMS providers to receive credit for previous training when evidence demonstrates such training meets competency in advanced EMT or paramedic training objectives. Advanced emergency medical technicians and paramedics may

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provide evidence of previous training that establishes his or her competency in training objectives.

The RTF training module has been made available free of charge in two formats. A classroom training module is posted at the “*EMS Training Programs Curriculums & Education Standards*” website (<http://www.ems.ohio.gov/accreditation-curriculum.aspx>), and in online, one credit-hour course to be completed by individuals (Catalog ID WBT906) is available at the ODPS Public Safety Training Campus (<http://www.ems.ohio.gov/education-pstc.aspx>).

**17. How will the agency apply Ohio Revised Code section 119.14 (waiver of fines and penalties for paperwork violations and first-time offenders) into implementation of the regulation?**

OAC Chapter 4765-6, in and of itself, does not impose a penalty or sanction. However, provisions in RC section 4765.33, section 4765.23, and section 4765.18 establish that the Board may impose administrative sanctions up to and including revocation of a provider certificate, a certificate of accreditation, or a certificate of approval for violations of Chapter 4765. of the RC or any rule adopted under it.

If disciplinary action is considered, each case is submitted first to the Board’s assistant attorney general to ensure compliance with Chapter 119. of the RC. The Board reviews each situation on a case-by-case basis and may consider all information relevant to the requirements of agency 4765 of the OAC and RC Chapter 4765.

**18. What resources are available to assist small businesses with compliance of the regulation?**

Pursuant to section 4765.07 of the RC, the EMS board administers grant awards as defined in section 4513.263 of the RC. Grants are awarded to EMS organizations for EMS training and equipment and to research entities to conduct research that may improve accessibility and quality of emergency medical services in this state. Grant funds are distributed through a reimbursement process as costs are incurred by the grantee. The Division of EMS website includes a grants web page that summarizes distribution details and provides grant applications. The EMS web page can be found using the following link: <http://www.ems.ohio.gov/grants.aspx>.

The RTF training module has been made available free of charge in two formats. A classroom training module is posted at the “*EMS Training Programs Curriculums & Education Standards*” website (<http://www.ems.ohio.gov/accreditation-curriculum.aspx>), and an online, one credit-hour course to be completed by individuals (Catalog ID WBT906) is available at the ODPS Public Safety Training Campus (<http://www.ems.ohio.gov/education-pstc.aspx>).

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The EMS web page includes links to the laws and rules associated with emergency medical services, along with an overview section about accredited and approved continuing education programs, certifications, medical, direction, scope of practice, and training and education. The *Agency Directory* at the EMS website (<http://www.ems.ohio.gov/about-directory.aspx>) includes the email addresses, telephone numbers, including a toll free number (1-800-233-0875), and the names of EMS staff. The Division of EMS staff members also attend and present information at various conferences, seminars, symposiums, and public events throughout the State of Ohio, such as the annual International Trauma Life Support (ITLS) Emergency Care Conference, the Ohio Association of Emergency Medical Services (OAEMS) Summer Conference, Ohio Fire and EMS Expo, Ohio EMS Grant Hospital/Ohio Health Conference, Ohio Ambulance Association Conference, and the Ohio State Fair.

Division of EMS staff are available via telephone and/or face-to-face meetings to assist institutions in the application process. Questions may be submitted via email to “Ask EMS” ( [ASKEMS@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:ASKEMS@dps.ohio.gov) ) or directly to the Division’s education staff ( [EMSEducation@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:EMSEducation@dps.ohio.gov) ).

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