

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The New Mexico Department of Health will hold a public hearing on the proposed repeal and replacement of certain rules of the Emergency Medical Systems (EMS) Bureau of the Epidemiology and Response Division. These rule changes are proposed pursuant to Sections 24-10B-4 and Subparagraph (e) of 9-7-6 NMSA 1978.

The public hearing will be held on October 26, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Harold Runnels Building auditorium, located at 1190 St. Francis Drive in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The hearing will be conducted to receive public comments regarding the proposed repeal and replacement of the following rule parts.

7.27.2 NMAC (“Licensing of Emergency Medical Services Personnel”). The proposed revisions to this rule part include:

- additional provisions regarding EMS training standards;
- provisions concerning downgrading of licensure;
- additional requirements regarding reciprocity and seasonal licensure;
- modifications to renewal standards; and
- provisions regarding the effect of revocation.

7.27.6 NMAC (“Emergency Medical Services Advance Directives”). The proposed revisions to this rule part include:

- provisions regarding the New Mexico Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (MOST) form, an advanced directive form issued by the EMS Bureau; and
- clarification regarding who may execute an EMS “do not resuscitate” (DNR) order or MOST form.

7.27.8 NMAC (“Cardiac Arrest Targeted Response Program”). The proposed revisions to this rule part include:

- removal of requirement that AED Programs be overseen by a physician medical director; and
- clarification of who may prescribe an automated external defibrillator (AED) to a patient without functioning in an approved AED program.

7.27.11 NMAC (“Supplemental Licensing Provisions”). The proposed revisions to this rule part include:

- modifications to the allowed medications and skills in the scopes of practice for emergency medical technicians (EMTs);
- a statement that the Department may limit or expand scopes of practice for EMTs in the event of an emergency;
- the addition of the Santa Fe Community College as an approved emergency medical services training program; and
- a statement that the EMS caregiver with the highest level of licensure during a call is the most responsible for the care the patient will receive and is generally designated as the team leader.

7.27.13 NMAC (“Certification of Stroke Centers”). The proposed revisions include:

- a statement that stroke centers may be accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation or any other nationally recognized accrediting body; and
- a statement that the EMS Bureau will work in coordination with all local and regional emergency medical services authorities statewide on the development of pre-hospitalization protocols related to the assessment, treatment and transport of stroke patients by licensed emergency medical services providers.

The foregoing are summaries of the proposed rules. The proposed rules include various additional substantive and technical revisions not identified here. Free copies of the full text of the proposed rules may be obtained online from the Department of Health’s website at <https://nmhealth.org/about/erd/emsb/>.

Copies of the proposed rules may also be obtained from, and written comments may be submitted to:

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Any interested member of the public may attend the hearing and offer public comment on the proposed rule changes during the hearing. Written public comment may also be submitted prior to the date of the hearing to the contact person and mailing address above.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of special assistance or accommodations to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact Charles Schroeder at the above address or telephone number. The Department requests at least ten (10) days' advance notice for special accommodations requests.