

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The New Mexico Department of Health (“Department”) will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to various sections of 7.27.2 NMAC and 7.27.11 NMAC. The hearing will be held on June 7, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via an Internet-based video conference (Cisco Webex), and via telephone, due to the ongoing public health emergency concerning the threatening contagious disease COVID-19; in accordance with Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham’s Executive Order 2020-004 and subsequent Executive Orders which declared an ongoing Public Health Emergency; and in accordance with the Public Health Orders issued by the Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Health which limit mass gatherings. Members of the public who wish to submit public comment regarding the proposed rule changes will be able to do so via video conference and via telephone during the course of the hearing, and by submitting written comment before the conclusion of the hearing.

Free copies of the full text of the proposed rule amendments can be obtained online from the New Mexico Department of Health’s website at <http://nmhealth.org/about/asd/cmo/rules/> or from Jacob Bennett using the contact information below.

The proposed rule amendments include (but are not limited to) the following:

- 7.27.2.11 NMAC: makes certain revisions to licensure renewal requirements, in order to modify those requirements, including certain continuing education requirements.
- 7.27.2.12 NMAC: revises the EMS personnel identification requirements, to remove references to license wallet cards, and to specify that licensees will no longer be required to present a state wallet card as proof of licensure, but must be identified on the EMS Bureau’s list of licensed personnel as being fully licensed.
- 7.27.2.14 NMAC: revises enforcement provisions concerning the potential for disciplinary action to be taken on the basis of a criminal conviction, in order to make the rule text consistent with recent revisions to the NM Criminal Offender Employment Act, Section 28-2-1 NMSA 1978 et seq.
- 7.27.2.16 NMAC: revises criminal history screening requirements, in order to make those provisions consistent with recent revisions to the NM Criminal Offender Employment Act, Section 28-2-1 NMSA 1978 et seq.
- 7.27.11.2 NMAC: adds text to clarify scope of rule.
- 7.27.11.8 NMAC: makes various revisions, to modify the scopes of practice for emergency medical technicians and EMS first responders, including allowable skills, allowable drugs, allowed routes of administration, and drugs allowed for monitoring during inter-facility transports.
- 7.27.11.9 NMAC: revises the section concerning approved training programs, in order to clarify that approved training programs can be accredited by an EMS Bureau-approved national accrediting organization, and to correct the listed number of currently approved training programs
- 7.27.11.10 NMAC: makes various revisions to the special skills application and reporting procedures, to clarify the process that EMS personnel must follow when requesting approval to conduct special skills.

The legal authority for the proposed rule amendments is at Subsection E of Section 9-7-6 NMSA 1978, and Section 24-10B-4 NMSA 1978.

The public hearing will be conducted to receive public comment on the proposed rule amendments described above. Any interested member of the public may attend the hearing and submit data, views, or arguments either orally or in writing on the proposed rule amendments during the hearing. To access the hearing by telephone: please call 1-844-992-4726, and enter the access code below. Your telephone comments will be recorded. To access the hearing via the Internet: please go to <http://www.webex.com>; click the “Join” button; click the “Join a Meeting” button; enter the following meeting number and password where indicated on the screen: Meeting Number (Access Code): 187 619 6692 #

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Then click the “OK” button.

Written public comment regarding the proposed rule amendments can be submitted by either mailing the comment to the following address:

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Or preferably by e-mailing the comment to the e-mail address Jacob.Bennett@state.nm.us.

Written comments must be received by the close of the public rule hearing on June 7, 2021. All written comments will be published on the agency website at <http://nmhealth.org/about/asd/cmo/rules/> within 3 days of receipt, and will be available at the New Mexico Department of Health Medical Cannabis Program for public inspection.

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 Jacob Bennett by telephone at (505) 476-8246. The Department requests at least ten (10) days' advance notice to provide requested special accommodations.