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NOTICE OF A COMMENT PERIOD ON A PROPOSED RULE

AGENCY: DHHR - Bureau for Public Health TITLE NUMBER: 64

RULE TYPE: Legislative CITE AUTHORITY: WV Code §§16-1-4 and 16-4C-6.

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 29

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: SPECIALIZED MULTIPATIENT MEDICAL TRANSPORT

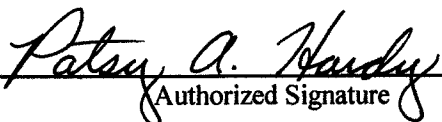
IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

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IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC HEARING, A COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING WHICH ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY SEND COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSED RULES. THIS COMMENT PERIOD WILL END ON July 29, 2010 AT 12pm ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ARE TO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

ANN GOLDBERG, Director of	DREMA MACE, Director
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THE ISSUES TO BE HEARD SHALL BE LIMITED TO THIS PROPOSED RULE.


Authorized Signature

ATTACH A **BRIEF** SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL

3. Explanation of above estimates (including long-range effect):

Please include any increase or decrease in fees in your estimated total revenues.

[Empty box for explanation of estimates]

Memorandum

Please identify any areas of vagueness, technical defects, reasons the proposed rule would not have a fiscal impact, and/or any special issues not captured elsewhere on this form.

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Date

6-29-10

Agency

Department of Health and Human Resources

Authorized Representative

Patsy A. Hardy

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Cabinet Secretary

REPEAL
64CSR29, Specialized Multipatient Transport
Legislative Rule
WV DHHR/ Bureau for Public Health
State Trauma and Emergency Medical System

BRIEF SUMMARY

The Bureau is proposing to repeal this 2001 rule which deals with a narrow element of the Emergency Medical Services transportation system because the Legislature specifically required that the Bureau promulgate a comprehensive EMS rule through their enactment of HB 4143 in the 2010 regular session. Everything that needs to be said about the regulation of Specialized Multipatient Transportation is contained in the Emergency Medical Services rule, 64CSR48, being filed this year for consideration in the 2011 session.

STATEMENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES

Once the comprehensive EMS rule, 64CSR48, becomes effective this old rule will be obsolete. Therefore, we are filing a repeal of the contents.

e. Date you filed in State Register the agency approved proposed Legislative Rule following public hearing: (be exact)

f. Name, title, address and **phone/fax/e-mail numbers** of agency person(s) to receive all *written correspondence* regarding this rule: (Please type)

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g. **IF DIFFERENT FROM ITEM 'f'**, please give Name, title, address and phone number(s) of agency person(s) who wrote and/or has responsibility for the contents of this rule: (Please type)

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3. If the statute under which you promulgated the submitted rules requires certain findings and determinations to be made as a condition precedent to their promulgation:

a. Give the date upon which you filed in the State Register a notice of the time and place of a hearing for the taking of evidence and a general description of the issues to be decided.

b. Date of hearing or comment period:

From June 2010 to July 2010

c. On what date did you file in the State Register the findings and determinations required together with the reasons therefor?

n/a

d. Attach findings and determinations and reasons:

Attached n/a

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**TITLE 64
LEGISLATIVE RULE
DIVISION OF HEALTH**

OFFICE WEST VIRGINIA
SECRETARY OF STATE

**SERIES 29
SPECIALIZED MULTIPATIENT MEDICAL TRANSPORT**

§64-29-1. General.

1.1. ~~Scope.~~— This rule is intended to: help ensure the adequate provision of emergency medical services to the citizens of West Virginia; help meet the needs and goals set out in W. Va. Code §16-4C-2; and provide for specialized multipatient medical transport by establishing vehicle and personnel requirements. The W. Va. Code is available in public libraries and on the Legislature's webpage, <http://www.legis.state.wv.us/>.

1.2. ~~Authority.~~— W. Va. Code §§16-4C-23, 16-4C-3 and 16-1-7.

1.3. ~~Filing Date.~~— May 4, 2001.

1.4. ~~Effective Date.~~— May 15, 2001.

1.5. ~~Applicability.~~— This rule applies to emergency medical services agencies that provide specialized multipatient medical transport services. EMS agencies that provide this level of service shall also comply with the provisions of the Division of Health rule, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) rule, 64CSR48.

1.6. ~~Enforcement.~~— This rule is enforced by the commissioner of the bureau for public health¹.

§64-29-2. Definitions.

2.1. ~~Advanced Life Support (ALS).~~— A sophisticated level of out-of-hospital and interfacility emergency medical services provided by the following levels of EMS personnel as defined in the Division of Health rule, Emergency Medical Services rule, 64CSR48: EMT-P, EMSA-RN, EMSA-PA, EMSA-FN, EMSA-SCN, EMSA-DO, EMSA-MD, or as stated in this rule, that includes, but is not limited to, transportation of incapacitated individuals, basic life support procedures and ALS assessment, supervision, and interventions.

2.2. ~~Attendant in Charge.~~— A person certified pursuant to this rule to have the ultimate responsibility for the care of a patient with respect to the provision of emergency medical services.

2.3. ~~Basic Life Support (BLS).~~— A basic level of out-of-hospital and interfacility emergency medical services provided when a patient requires BLS services or continual medical supervision. Basic life support can be performed by ALS personnel as well as an EMT-B, EMSA-LPN, EMT-FR or as stated in the Division of Health rule, EMS rule, 64CSR48.

¹—The Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) was created by the Legislature's reorganization of the executive branch of State government in 1989. The Department of Health was renamed the Division of Health and made a part of the DHHR (W. Va. Code § 5F-1-1 et seq.). Administratively within the DHHR the Bureau for Public Health through its Commissioner carries out the public health function of the Division of Health.

~~2.4. Emergency Medical Services Vehicle (EMS vehicle).— EMS transportation vehicles including ambulances, air ambulances and non-medical transportation vehicles as described in the Division of Health rule, EMS rule, 64CSR48. In addition, non-transporting EMS vehicles may include any private or publicly owned vehicle or craft that is designed, constructed, or modified and equipped and is intended to be used for and is maintained or operated to provide on-scene emergency medical services.~~

~~2.5. Operator.— A person certified pursuant to this rule as responsible for the operation of an emergency medical services vehicle.~~

~~§64-29-3. Specialized Multipatient Medical Transport Vehicle Requirements.~~

~~3.1. Class F— A specialized multipatient medical transport vehicle is classified as a Class F EMS vehicle.~~

~~3.1.a. A Class F EMS vehicle is primarily intended to provide transportation to ambulatory patients with a medical history who have no apparent immediate need for any level of medical supervision while being transported to and from scheduled medical appointments.~~

~~3.1.b. A Class F EMS vehicle shall not be equipped with any form of stretcher.~~

~~3.1.c. An EMS agency may not use a Class F EMS vehicle for delivery of basic or advanced life support.~~

~~3.1.d. A Class F EMS vehicle specifications include the following:~~

~~3.1.d.1. The vehicle may not be a passenger sedan, limousine, or recreational vehicle. Sport utility vehicles with less than three (3) passenger doors and a wheelbase of less than one hundred (100) inches are not permitted.~~

~~3.1.d.2. The major portion of the body of the vehicle shall be one (1) of four (4) approved safety colors: bright, highly visible shades of red, white, yellow, orange or combinations of those colors. Additional colors may be permitted only after approval of the commissioner.~~

~~3.1.d.3. All lettering on the vehicle shall be a minimum of three (3) inches in height except the lettering that is part of an organization logo or emblem.~~

~~3.1.d.4. The name of the EMS agency, and of the city, town, or county, shall appear on both sides of the vehicle, and logos or emblems are also permitted.~~

~~3.1.e. Equipment and supplies for a Class F EMS vehicle include:~~

~~3.1.e.1. Communications equipment on the vehicle that allows the operator of the vehicle to have voice contact with the operational dispatch center; and~~

~~3.1.e.2. Other equipment and supplies as determined by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services.~~

~~3.1.f. All Class F EMS Vehicles shall be inspected by representatives of the West Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services for compliance with the requirements established in this rule.~~

~~§64-29-4. Specialized Multipatient Medical Transport Vehicle Personnel Requirements.~~

~~4.1. Class F EMS Vehicle Personnel.~~

~~4.1.a. A Class F EMS vehicle shall have a minimum of one (1) EMSP that may be the operator of the vehicle.~~

~~4.1.b. The operator of a Class F EMS vehicle shall have a minimum of:~~

~~4.1.b.1. A valid motor vehicle operator's permit; and~~

~~4.1.b.2. Current certification as an EMT Basic or an equivalent EMSP approved by the commissioner.~~

~~4.1.c. Non-certified assistants or observers are permitted in Class F EMS vehicles at the discretion of the EMS Agency.~~