

# ARKANSAS REGISTER

## Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Arkansas Department of Health, Section of Emergency Medical Services will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 4, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at Freeway Medical Tower, Suite 801, 5800 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Little Rock, Arkansas to allow an interested person to comment on amendments to the proposed revisions to the Rules for Emergency Medical Services pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §20-13-201 et seq. The proposed revisions would:

1. Remove the word regulation from the entire document (Act 315)
2. Removal of outdated terms in definitions
3. Encounter Form definition clarification to include electronic or hard copy submission.
4. Data submission requirement was changed to fifteen (15) days from the date of the call from the last day of the subsequent month.
5. General standard of primary responder(s) clarification- In the event of a disaster or an extenuating circumstance, an air ambulance service may be considered a primary responder if ground ambulance services may be unable to reach patients by ground.
6. Define Advanced Response Agency with general standards for agency license and permit of vehicle.
7. Requirement of Emergency Vehicle Operator (EVO) criminal history backgrounds.
8. Revised Continuing Education Renewal Hours at Local Level revised: AR Trauma, Pediatric, Stroke, Cardiology, Documentation, Ethics and Professionalism
9. Requirement to maintain national certification for Emergency Medical Services Providers (EMSP) state licensure renewal (Act 958)
10. Temporary license for ninety (90) days and expedited licensing for military members and spouses (Acts 426 & 820)
11. EMSP Initial Instructor requirement of forty (40) hour EMSP instructor course or bachelor's degree in education
12. EMS education programs for EMT and AEMT are extended to licensed advanced life support ambulance services sponsored by a Private Career License.
13. Surrender of unwanted controlled substances- must be in accordance with the office of Drug Enforcement Agency's Regulation.
14. Violations- expansive update
15. Equipment list updated by removing quantities, using drug classification, and the requirement of 12 EKG lead capability.

Copies of the proposed revisions are available for public inspection and copying at the Arkansas Department of Health, Section of Emergency Medical Services, Freeway Medical Tower, Suite 801, 5800 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. The proposed revisions are also available for inspection online through the Secretary of State website: <https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/rules-regulations/>, and on the Arkansas Department of Health website at <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/proposed-amendment-to-existing-rules>.

The public may submit written comments regarding the proposed amendments to Christy Kresse, Section Chief, Emergency Medical Services, 5800 West 10th Street, Suite 800, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72204, by email to [christine.kresse@arkansas.gov](mailto:christine.kresse@arkansas.gov), or in person at the Freeway Medical Tower, Suite 800, 5800 West 10th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72204, no later than 10:00 a.m. on Monday May 4, 2020.