

Idaho PINES
EMS Administrative Rule Changes Frequently Asked Questions



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Why are the Idaho EMS Rules being changed?

As we prepare to enter a new decade many changes to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) education, certification, licensing and credentialing will be implemented in Idaho. These changes reflect a profession-wide migration toward a systems approach to the delivery of patient care. The implementation process includes changes to Idaho Code, Administrative Rule as well as the policies and procedures related to EMS licensure and education. As you may be aware, the Governor signed legislation during this 2009 legislative session that modifies much of the current language in the section of Idaho Code that governs EMS (Title 56). The passage of Senate Bill 1108 (SB1108) compels us to update the associated Administrative Rules (IDAPA 16.02.03. *Rules Governing Emergency Medical Services.*)

How are the rules being changed?

Updating IDAPA 16.02.03 is a two step process. To continue business as usual for EMS in Idaho, several terminology changes need to be implemented immediately. These changes will be made in step one, an emergency rule effective July 1, 2009. Step two, a negotiated rule-making process with stakeholder involvement began Summer 2009 and will provide a complete re-write of IDAPA 16.02.03 grounded in SB1108.

What are the changes in the Emergency Rule and when are they effective?

Language for the emergency rule changes will be available after Board of Health and Welfare review at www.idahoems.org. In summary, the emergency rules effective July 1, 2009 change:

- References to Idaho provider 'certification' to Idaho personnel 'licensure' consistent with terminology changes in SB1108. These changes allow the EMS Bureau to continue issuing personnel licenses (with the same requirements as the previous provider certification) while the negotiated rule process is occurring.
- EMS personnel level names to be consistent with SB1108, and EMS Physician Commission (EMSPC) Rules.

Old Language	New Language (effective 7/1/09)
First Responder (FR)	Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)
EMT-Basic (EMT-B)	Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
Advanced EMT (A-EMT or AEMTA)	Advanced EMT (AEMT)
EMT-Paramedic (EMT-P)	Paramedic

- Replace references to Board of Medicine to EMSPC in relation to authority over EMS scope of practice.
- Application requirements for agency licensure or upgrades will not be changed in the emergency rules effective 7/1/09. Rules related to this section of SB1108 will be addressed in the negotiated rule-making process.

Changes made in this emergency rule will be available for public comment October 19, 2009 at 9:00 am (J.R. Williams Building, East Conference Room, Boise ID). Any changes made to IDAPA 16.02.03 in this emergency rule will be replaced with the new text from the chapter rewrite occurring as part of the negotiated rule-making process throughout 2009 and 2010.

Negotiated Rule-Making

During the summer of 2009 the EMS Bureau has convened several task forces consisting of stakeholders from throughout the Idaho EMS System to participate in the negotiated rule-making process to draft new Administrative Rules based on SB1108. The new rule-making process will be ongoing through the remainder of 2009 and 2010. The Task forces will review and provide recommendations of intent for new Idaho administrative rules related to agency and personnel licensure, EMS education and instructor requirements, and other related topic areas. Once complete, the draft rules will be available for public comment prior to presentation at the 2011 Legislature. For more information on task force membership, contact information, or for meeting information if you'd like to attend, please visit www.idahoems.org.

How can I become involved in the rule making process?

Thank you for your interest! All negotiated rule-making meetings are open meetings and attendance is encouraged. Time for public testimony is included in meeting agendas and a signup sheet is available at the meetings. For meeting agendas and details, visit www.idahoems.org.

In addition to attending meetings, all taskforce members represent a stakeholder group to which you may belong. Contacting your representative taskforce member is another avenue to become involved. Membership and contact information is also available at www.idahoems.org.

Public comment periods will be held for both the emergency and negotiated rules in the fall of 2009 and 2010. However, the substantive changes to IDAPA 16.02.03 will occur during the negotiated rule making process and involvement during this process is encouraged.

Still have a question? Send it to us at IdahoEMS@dhw.idaho.gov.