

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The New Mexico Department of Health will hold a public hearing on the proposed repeal and replacement of rules 7.27.2 (“Licensing of Emergency Medical Services Personnel”), 7.27.4 (“Emergency Medical Services Fund Act”), 7.27.5 (“Certification of Air Ambulance”), 7.27.6 (“Emergency Medical Services Advance Directives”), and 7.27.11 NMAC (“Supplemental Licensing Provisions”). The hearing will be held on Friday, June 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. via the Microsoft Teams Internet-based video conferencing system, and via telephone. Members of the public who wish to submit public comment regarding the proposed repeal and replacement of the rule will be able to do so via video conference and via telephone during the course of the hearing, and by submitting written comment.

The Department proposes to repeal and replace the entirety of rules 7.27.2, 7.27.4, 7.27.5, 7.27.6, and 7.27.11 NMAC, to incorporate various new and modified provisions to sections including but not limited to the following:

7.27.2.7 NMAC, Definitions;  
7.27.2.8 NMAC, General Licensure;  
7.27.2.9 NMAC, Initial Licensure;  
7.27.2.10 NMAC, Reciprocity;  
7.27.2.11 NMAC, Licensure Renewal;  
7.27.2.12 NMAC, Identification of EMS Personnel;  
7.27.2.13 NMAC, Fees;  
7.27.2.14 NMAC, Enforcement;  
7.27.2.15 NMAC, Hearings;  
7.27.2.16 NMAC, Criminal History Screening;  
7.27.2.17 NMAC, Revocation;  
7.27.2.18 NMAC, Disqualifying Criminal Offenses (new section);

7.27.4.7 NMAC, Definitions;  
7.27.4.8 NMAC, Duty of the Bureau;  
7.27.4.9 NMAC, Annual Report;  
7.27.4.10 NMAC, Extension of Time;  
7.27.4.11 NMAC, Local EMS Funding Program;  
7.27.4.12 NMAC, Local EMS System Improvement Projects, EMS Vehicle Purchase Projects, Statewide EMS System Improvement Projects, and EMS Agency Support Programs;  
7.27.4.13 NMAC, Statewide Trauma Care System Program and Statewide Emergency Medical Services System Support;  
7.27.4.14 NMAC, Administration;

7.27.5.7 NMAC, Definitions;  
7.27.5.8 NMAC, Use of Terms and Advertising;  
7.27.5.9 NMAC, Disclosure to the Public;  
7.27.5.10 NMAC, Full Certification Period;  
7.27.5.11 NMAC, Reporting;  
7.27.5.12 NMAC, Emergency Information Required;  
7.27.5.13 NMAC, Certification Process and Procedures;  
7.27.5.14 NMAC, Fees;  
7.27.5.15 NMAC, Enforcement;  
7.27.5.16 NMAC, Standards;  
7.27.5.17 NMAC, Radio Communication Frequencies;  
7.27.5.18 NMAC, Application for Air Ambulance Certification;  
7.27.5.19 NMAC, Aircraft Equipment Standards;

7.27.6.7 NMAC, Definitions;  
7.27.6.8 NMAC, EMS Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Order;  
7.27.6.9 NMAC, EMS Personnel and Procedures;  
7.27.6.10 NMAC, Enforceability and Program Administration;

7.27.11.7 NMAC, Definitions;  
7.27.11.8 NMAC, Scopes of Practice for Licensed Emergency Medical Services Personnel;  
7.27.11.9 NMAC, Approved Training Programs;  
7.27.11.10 NMAC, Special Skills Application and Reporting Procedures; and  
7.27.11.11 NMAC, EMS Personnel Job Descriptions.

The legal authority authorizing the proposed repeal and replacement of these rules is at the Department of Health Act, Subsection E of Section 9-7-6 NMSA 1978, which authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Health to "...make and adopt such reasonable and procedural rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the duties of the department and its divisions,"; the Emergency Medical Services Act, Subsection A of Section 24-10B-5 NMSA 1978, requiring the Department to adopt rules concerning licensure requirements for EMTs; Subsection H of Section 24-10B-4 NMSA 1978, requiring the Department to adopt rules for the certification of air ambulance services; Subsection I of Section 24-10B-4, requiring the Department to adopt rules pertaining to authorization of providers to honor advance directives to withhold or terminate care in certain pre-hospital or interfacility circumstances; and the Emergency Medical Services Fund Act at Section 24-10A-3.1, requiring the Department to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of that Act.

The purpose of the proposed repeal and replacement of rules 7.27.2, 7.27.4, 7.27.5, 7.27.6, and 7.27.11 NMAC is to satisfy the Department's regulatory obligations pursuant to various sections of the Emergency Medical Services Act and Emergency Medical Services Fund Act, identified above.

A free copy of the full text of the proposed rules can be obtained online from the New Mexico Department of Health's website at <http://nmhealth.org/about/asd/cmo/rules/> or by contacting the Department using the contact information below.

The public hearing will be conducted to receive public comments on the proposed rules. Any interested member of the public may attend the hearing and may submit data, views, or arguments on the proposed rule either orally or in writing during the hearing.

To access the hearing via the Internet: please go to <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>, then enter the following meeting i.d. code and passcode where indicated on the screen: meeting i.d. code 217 722 493 474 and passcode hp6cN6gp and then click the "Join a meeting" button.

To access the hearing by telephone: please call 1-505-312-4308 and enter phone conference i.d. 716 287 922#.

All comments will be recorded.

Written public comment regarding the proposed rule can be submitted either by e-mail to Stephanie Lopez at [stephanie.lopez@doh.nm.gov](mailto:stephanie.lopez@doh.nm.gov), or U.S. postal mail to the following address:

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Written comments must be received by the close of the public rule hearing on June 6, 2025. All written comments will be published on the agency website at <https://www.nmhealth.org/about/asd/cmo/rules/> within 3 days of receipt, and will be available at the New Mexico Department of Health for public inspection.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of special assistance or accommodation to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact Stephanie Lopez by telephone at (505) 690-3689. The Department requests at least ten (10) days' advance notice to provide special accommodation.