



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health
Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

NOTICE OF MEETING

Location: **Virtual**

Louisiana Department of Health, Bureau of EMS

Zoom Meeting Information:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83789290585>

To Join by Telephone Dial: 602 333 0032

Conference code: 317329

Date: March 11, 2022

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Discussion of whether to proceed with an Emergency Rule that would be substantively similar to the following draft, subject to revisions as determined by the Commission at this Emergency Meeting:

LAC Title 46, Part XXXVIII § 301

A. – D.

E. Exception. In order to provide a transition period following the anticipated March 16, 2022 expiration of the governor's Declaration of Public Health Emergency concerning COVID-19, the requirement that a Paramedic, AEMT, or EMT holding licensure in another U.S. state, territory, or district obtain a license to practice in Louisiana as set forth in La. R.S. 40:1133.1 et seq. is suspended until July 1, 2022 for those EMS Practitioners working under the existing SNAPMEDTECH, Inc. contract (concerning supplemental medical staffing to address COVID-related shortages) with the LDH Office of Public Health, provided that each such person has an active, unencumbered, unrestricted license from any U.S. state, territory, or district. Prior to practicing

in Louisiana pursuant to this Subsection, such persons must email a copy of their current EMS Practitioner license, a copy of their current driver's license, and a valid phone number and email address to EMS.Credentialing@la.gov.

- IV. Whether to request that Dr. Joseph Kanter, the State Health Officer (SHO), issue an Emergency Order temporarily continuing in substance the following provision of the Governor's Proclamation No. 18 JBE 2022, which expires on March 16, 2022 and is not expected to be renewed:

The ambulance staffing requirements set forth in La. R.S. 40:1135.1(A)(2)(a) hereby remain temporarily suspended as to ambulance drivers, provided that such driver possesses a driver's license valid in the State of Louisiana and meets the criminal background check requirements of La. R.S. 40:1203.1, et seq.

Except as expressly suspended herein, all other requirements of La. R.S. 40:1135.1 shall remain in place, including the requirement that an ambulance be staffed with a minimum of two persons, one of whom shall be a licensed emergency medical technician.

- V. Public Comment – public comment will be afforded before a vote on each of the above referenced topics.
- VI. Commission vote
- VII. Adjournment

Certification of Meeting Conducted Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17.1

In accordance with La. R.S. 42:17.1 this notice shall serve as certification of the Emergency Medical Services Certification Commission's (EMSCC) inability to otherwise operate in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law due to such a meeting being detrimental to the health, safety, and/or welfare of the public as a result of the public health emergency, as declared and most recently extended by Governor Edwards on February 15, 2022, by 18 JBE 2022. This notice shall also serve as certification that the agenda for this meeting is limited to one or more matters meeting the criteria set forth in La. R.S. 42:17.1(A)(2).

The EMSCC will provide for attendance at this meeting via teleconference or video conference because it is unable to otherwise obtain a quorum. It is essential that the EMSCC meet to consider the above listed time-sensitive agenda items. Any delay in consideration of same would have an adverse effect on the health, safety, or welfare of the public. Considering the foregoing, and in accordance with La. R.S. 42:17.1 and 18 JBE 2022, the EMSCC's meeting on March 11, 2022 at 1:00 PM will be held via tele/video conference and in a manner that will allow observation and input by members of the public, as set forth in this notice. Members of the public may attend and submit verbal public comments on an agenda item via Zoom or telephone as noted herein above. Members of the public may also submit comments by sending an email to EMS.Commission@la.gov or leaving a voice mail at 225-925-3840 no later than 4:00 PM, March 10, 2022. All public comments will be properly identified and acknowledged during the meeting.

Certified this 9th day of March, 2022.



Dr. Jeffrey Elder, EMSCC Chair