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To: Interested EMS Systems, Agencies, Medical Directors and EMS Professionals

From: Tom Mitchell, Chief  
North Carolina Office of EMS

Date: March 1, 2019

Re: Rules Task Force Meeting Information

In an effort to maintain current regulations related to Emergency Medical Services and EMS Professionals, the North Carolina Office of EMS regularly reviews and updates the EMS rules found in North Carolina Administrative Code Sub-chapter 13P. Rules are updated based on emerging issues and needs as well as identified gaps that will improve practice, administration and education.

During the fourth quarter of 2018, the Office of EMS began exploring a revision of the rules related to education. This produced a draft version of rules accompanying this memo. On February 12, 2019, the draft was presented to the North Carolina EMS Advisory Council. At that same meeting a task force was appointed to “pre-vet” the draft rules.

The mission of the task force is to serve as facilitators for the public and EMS community to provide comment on the proposed revisions as a means of “pre-vetting” the rules prior to submission to the Medical Care Commission. The task force will review all comments received and provide their recommendations on any changes to the first draft that might be warranted based on the comments received. Once the final draft is prepared, the Chair will present the final draft and the task force recommendation on this final draft to the full EMS Advisory Council at the scheduled May meeting.

In order to fully vet the rules, it will be necessary to conduct a series of meetings across the state in order for the task force to have an opportunity to hear verbal as well as obtain written comments. There have been five (5) locations identified, which may be found on the accompanying map along with addresses and times.

For quick reference, these meetings have been scheduled for the following dates, times and locations:

March 20      Bladen Community College  
Auditorium  
7418 NC Hwy 41W  
Dublin, NC 28332  
Meetings will be held at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

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- March 28      Pitt Community College  
 Fulford Building, WEF-153  
 1986 Pitt Tech Road  
 Winterville, NC 28590  
 Meetings will be held at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm
- April 1        Durham Tech – Orange Campus  
 Multi-Purpose Room  
 525 College Park Rd  
 Hillsborough, NC 27278  
 Meetings will be held at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm  
*\*please note this location meeting times differ slightly*
- April 4        Mitchell Community College  
 Auditorium-Continuing Education Center  
 701 West Front Street  
 Statesville, NC 28677  
 Meetings will be held at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm
- April 9        Haywood Community College – Waynesville  
 Regional High Tech Center Auditorium  
 112 Industrial Park Drive  
 Waynesville, NC 28786  
 Meetings will be held at 1:00pm and 7:00 pm

Members of the task force and the organization they represent are:

Robert Poe, Chair	NC Association of Rescue and EMS
Dr. Bill Atkinson	Public Member
Jim Albright	NC Association of EMS Administrators
Todd Baker	American Heart Association
Chuck Elledge	Senate Appointee
Dr. Darrell Nelson	NC College of Emergency Physicians
Mike Price	Educator
Sarah W. Rivenbark	Community Paramedic
Kevin Staley	House Appointee
Steve Taylor	Educator

All interested parties are welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings to provide valuable input on the draft rules.