Controlled substances rulemaking accepting public comments

Controlled substances registration is changing for EMS in Indiana. In the near future, some EMS provider organizations will no longer carry “borrowed” controlled substances from a hospital or physician. Each provider organization may obtain their own Indiana controlled substance registration (CSR) and then a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) registration. This will involve a registration process, registration fee ($100.00 per Indiana EMS registration) and oversight from the Indiana Board of Pharmacy which will all be new requirements for some EMS provider organizations.

Federal Public-Law 115-83, passed November 17, 2017, authorizes and dictates that some EMS organizations be independently registered to carry and administer controlled substances. Proposed federal rules have been issued and a comment period is open until December 4, 2020. To read the proposed federal rule changes and potentially comment, visit the Federal Register website.

The EMS Section has worked with the Indiana Board of Pharmacy on proposed rule changes for Indiana EMS organizations to obtain their own Indiana CSR. The proposed rule changes are in Indiana Register LSA Document #20-455. A virtual public hearing on the proposed Indiana rule changes is scheduled for January 29, 2021, at 8 a.m. To view all documents including the public hearing notice and the proposed rule amendment, visit the Indiana Register website.

Questions about both of these changes may be addressed to EMS Director Kraig Kinney at kkinney@dhs.in.gov or EMS Medical Director Dr. Michael Kaufmann mkaufmann@dhs.in.gov.