



## EMS Rules Public Hearings

### **The rule-making process:**

Act 142 requires the Vermont Department of Health to adopt new EMS rules by not later than March 1, 2011.

Adoption of rules is a process described in the Vermont Administrative Procedures Act. That law has specific details of the rule adoption process including timelines. To achieve rule adoption by March 1, 2011, the Department must begin the formal filing process by around September 1, 2010.

The month of August is a pre-filing period. We are using a series of public hearings to help shape the language that will be the **starting point** for the formal rule adoption process.

Meetings have been held to date in St. Albans (8/5) and Brattleboro (8/9). Upcoming meetings are scheduled for: Newport (8/17), Bennington (8/21) and Montpelier (8/27) – see schedule below. Comments made during discussions in these hearings will be reflected in the *EMS Hearing Guide* that is updated on our website after each meeting. Once we enter the formal adoption phase, there will be a formal written comment period on the draft rule language, as well as at least one public hearing.

During this pre-filing period, watch for additional postings on the Vermont EMS website [www.vermontems.org](http://www.vermontems.org)

### **Comments may be directed to:**

Vermont EMS  
Box 70, 108 Cherry St.  
Burlington, VT 05402  
ATTN: Rules Comment

– or send e-mail comments to:  
[vtems@vdh.state.vt.us](mailto:vtems@vdh.state.vt.us)

Please include your name and contact information on all comments so we can follow up with you if necessary.

**Further opportunity for input and review –**

Three more hearings are scheduled after the August 9 meeting in Brattleboro:

**Tuesday, August 17**

9:30 a.m. – noon

North Country Hospital

([www.nchsi.org](http://www.nchsi.org))

Meeting room by the library

**Newport**

**Saturday August 21**

9:30 – noon

Southwestern Vermont Medical Center

(<http://svhealthcare.org/directions/>)

Conference Room C (near East Wing)

**Bennington**

**Friday, August 27**

1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

NERSA (Northeast Regional Safety Academy)

(<http://www.agcvt.org/safety/nersa.cfm>)

**Montpelier**

**All of the meetings are open and may be accessed by telephone:**

**TEL 866-628-8620**

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