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SUBJECT: KKK-A-1822F Changes

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Recently, questions have been asked regarding the General Services Administration (GSA) KKK document (KKK-A-1822F) Change Notice 8. This latest change notice includes changes to the Federal Specification for the Star-of-Life Ambulance with an effective date of July 1, 2015. One of the more significant changes is the new requirement for cot retention systems. Under the new standards, cot mounts must meet the SAE J3027 standard. What does this mean for Illinois EMS providers?

The IDPH EMS Administrative Code (77 Ill Adm. Code 515.830 and 77 Ill Adm. Code 515.125(2)(a)) are specific to the August 2007 version of the KKK-A-1822F standard. Section 515.830 adopts the KKK-A-1822F standard. Section 515.125(2)(a) defines that standard as the 2007 version. Therefore, until changes are made to the IDPH EMS Administrative Code, Illinois providers are, and will continue to be held to the 2007 version of the KKK-A-1822F standard. In other words, the 2007 KKK-A-1822F standard remains the standard in Illinois until the IDPH EMS Administrative Code is changed. IDPH is in agreement with greater safety standards for the transportation of patients. IDPH is currently reviewing and considering the updated ambulance build standards for potential future inclusion into the IDPH EMS Administrative Code. The Department will be seeking input from stakeholders as we move forward on identifying components of new ambulance build standards.

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