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TO: SPEMS EMS Services Utilizing SPEMS Protocols with Dr. Addington as Medical Director

SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF KING LT-D and LTS-D AIRWAY DEVICES SIZES 0, 1, 2, and 2.5 FROM EMS UNITS

Due to an FDA issue, the following devices will be immediately removed from all EMS equipment and from the required equipment list for all EMT-Basic, AEMT, and Paramedic Protocols:

- Pediatric King Airway LT-D or LTS-D Airway size 0
- Pediatric King Airway LT-D or LTS-D Airway size 1
- Pediatric King Airway LT-D or LTS-D Airway size 2
- Pediatric King Airway LT-D or LTS-D Airway size 2.5

At this time, this variance does NOT affect the adult sized King Airway Devices. All personnel may continue to utilize the King Airway sizes 3, 4, and 5 as indicated by the SPEMS Protocols.

All personnel should maintain airway control utilizing BLS procedures/adjuncts and intubation as required.

An additional variance will be forthcoming with an alternative device and further guidance.

Please place this variance in all official SPEMS Protocols.

**\*This variance will expire on November 30, 2023\***

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