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**DATE:** April 15, 2009  
**TO:** EMS Providers – ALS, BLS, EMS Aircraft  
**FROM:** Reza Vaezazizi MD, Medical Director  
**SUBJECT:** UPDATE ABOUT KING AIRWAY LTS-D DEVICE

This memo is to clarify the information provided on March 20, 2009 regarding the implementation of the King Airway. The King Airway will become mandatory for ALS providers by January 1, 2010, as previously announced on March 20, 2009. The advanced notice and the reminder are meant to allow providers adequate time to make appropriate budgetary adjustments for timely implementation of this upgrade.

ALS Providers who wish to transition to the King airway prior to January 2010 may do so, as long as they comply with the conditions of the transition program described on March 20, 2009. The early transition is limited to the LTS-D model (adult sizes #3, #4, and #5 with the Naso-gastric Tube (NGT) port). Pediatric sizes will not be permitted for this early transition.

I would like to express my appreciation to members of MAC for their diligent work on this topic. Please do not hesitate to contact ICEMA with any questions or concerns. You may direct all inquiries about the King airway to Iris Pena, RN at (909) 388-5813 or [IPena@cao.sbcounty.gov](mailto:IPena@cao.sbcounty.gov).

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