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To: ALS Coordinators for all Level 600 and 500 Services

From: Dr. Dailey *Michael W. Dailey*

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Re: King LT Airways

Please be advised that the FDA has issued the attached letter to the company that makes the King LT-D airway. As we understand it, the company was given FDA approval for the King airway, "...for anesthesia settings where airway protection is not an issue". FDA 510K approval limits how a company can advertise and market medical devices and therefore the company does not have permission to advertise that it is permissible to use the device for anything other than for which it was approved. With that said, practitioners use medical devices for "off label" purposes all the time.

Nationally, the King airway is widely used in EMS and has been used very safely. The literature clearly indicates that this is very useful supraglottic airway. Our monitoring of the national commentary regarding this FDA letter indicates that it is not changing current clinical practice. Therefore REMO agencies should continue using the King LT-D airway. If any additional information presents, we will advise you immediately.

Thank you.