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To: CSEMS agencies

From: Asher Brand, M. D., Regional Medical Director

Re: King Airways

The FDA recently notified King Systems, the maker of King Airways, that they were not permitted to advertise the King Airway for Prehospital use. There has been some concern that we should stop using this device until the issue is sorted out. It is important to understand that the FDA's concern is with how the device is advertised, not how it is used. There is consensus that the device is safe and likely superior to other available alternatives.

Given this I am supporting continued use of the King Airway.

Please contact me if you have any questions.