



CENTRAL DUPAGE HOSPITAL  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM  
POLICY & PROCEDURES

TITLE: AMBULANCE DESIGN

SECTION: VEHICLE OPERATIONS

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**PURPOSE:**

To define requirements for ambulance licensing

**POLICY:**

To obtain endorsement for initial or renewal licensing with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) for ambulances, the following requirements shall be met as a minimum.

1. Vehicle Design
  - a. Each new ambulance shall comply with current national standards such as:
    - i. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
    - ii. Ground Vehicle Standards for Ambulances
    - iii. The Federal Specifications for the Star of Life Ambulance
    - iv. Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS) Ground Vehicle Design for Ambulances
      1. A licensed vehicle shall be exempt from subsequent vehicle design standards or specifications required by the Department in this Part, as long as the vehicle is continuously in compliance with the vehicle design standards and specifications originally applicable to that vehicle, or until the vehicle's title of ownership is transferred.
2. Equipment
  - a. Vehicles shall have all required equipment, that is unexpired and in good working order, as determined by the IDPH and CDHEMSS based on vehicle licensure level.
    - i. Equipment lists can be found at the IDPH website and the CDHEMSS website. Lists should not be printed in bulk to ensure accuracy

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