

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: **PRIVATE AMBULANCE VEHICLE AGE LIMIT
AND LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS**

REFERENCE NO. 455

PURPOSE: To establish a procedure that defines the maximum age limit requirements for an ambulance vehicle to be licensed for operation in Los Angeles County.

AUTHORITY: Los Angeles County Code, Title 7, Business Licenses Chapter 7.16 Ambulance, Section 7.16.210, Ambulance – Mechanical requirements.

PRINCIPLES:

1. The EMS Agency may grant or issue an initial vehicle license in Los Angeles County for an ambulance that is no more than eight (8) years old as determined by the date of manufacture (“Model Year”) from the date listed on the vehicle registration.
2. The EMS Agency Director has authorized age limit to a maximum of twelve (12) years to meet the needs of public convenience and necessity. This authorization reserves the ambulance vehicle license to the specific vehicle of the operator and shall not be transferable to another ambulance vehicle.
3. Vehicles must continuously meet all inspection requirements for business licensure in Los Angeles County to qualify for sale and new licensure for another ambulance provider.
4. An ambulance vehicle license will be closed upon removal from service or sale.
5. Ambulance vehicles for which licensure or inspection requirements expire shall be immediately removed from service until compliance has been met.

POLICY:


- I. Basic Requirements
 - A. The EMS Agency, Ambulance Programs Section, will not issue an initial/new ambulance business license to any vehicle over eight (8) years of age.
 - B. An ambulance vehicle business license may be renewed up to twelve (12) years from date of manufacture provided licensure and all requirements are continuously maintained from license issuance.
 - C. Any ambulance vehicle for which licensure fees are not paid within sixty (60) days of expiration shall not be eligible for licensure renewal. If the vehicle is less than eight (8) years of age, vehicle shall be eligible for a new ambulance vehicle license application.

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APPROVED:


Director, EMS Agency


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II. Vehicle Sale or Removal From Service

- A. Following the sale, removing from service or vehicle has “aged out” by reaching its twelve (12) year anniversary from date of manufacture, the Ambulance Operator must:
1. Remove the vehicle from service in Los Angeles County if not already performed.
 2. Notify the EMS Agency of the removal from service and request the EMS Agency Seal Form.
 3. Once the form is received:
 - a. Complete the required documentation.
 - b. Affix the seal removed from the vehicle.
 4. Submit the completed form with the seal to the EMS Agency within ten (10) calendar days.

CROSS REFERENCES:

Prehospital Care Manual:

- Ref. No. 450, **Los Angeles County Code, Title 7, Business Licenses, Division 2, Chapter 7.16 Ambulances**
Ref. No. 454, **Ambulance Vehicle Color Scheme and Insignia Guidelines**
Ref. No. 710, **Basic Life Support Ambulance Equipment**