

Memo from OEMS re: **Required Ambulance Equipment**

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The question has emerged again today regarding the possibility to strip a dedicated (or any) ambulance of all unnecessary equipment to transport a suspected or confirmed EVD patient. All agency representatives are reminded that EMS transport units being placed into service must be permitted and carry the minimal equipment list required by the regulations, unless and/or until a public health emergency is declared by the Governor. This does not preclude creative packaging and access to the equipment as long as the equipment is secured consistent with the regulations.

To reiterate, there is no relief of the minimum equipment requirements for permitted ambulances as it pertains to the transportation of any suspected or confirmed EVD patients. We continue to monitor and participate actively with the Department of Health and other allied agencies in the mitigation and responses to any potential or actual EVD patients. All are encouraged to monitor the OEMS webpage with dedicated information regarding this important health event, <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/EO/Ebola.htm>.

Sincerely,

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