



McHenry Western Lake County EMS System System Memo #24-3

To: MWLC EMSS AGENCIES
From: MWLC EMSS
Date: 03/13/24
RE: Video Laryngoscope Replacement

Purpose: Communicate the steps MWLC EMSS is taking to address a supply chain issue regarding King Vision video laryngoscope equipment. Make agencies aware of an unplanned budgetary impact.

Goal: Ensure advanced airway procedures continue without interruption.

A supply chain issue effecting King Vision video laryngoscope equipment has resulted in a need to obtain and implement replacement video laryngoscope equipment. The Airway Committee has recommended AirTraq video laryngoscope equipment as a permanent replacement. Beginning January 26th, the EMS Office has evaluated the AirTraq product for implementation. Effective today, MWLC EMSS has approved the AirTraq video laryngoscope equipment as a permanent replacement to the King Vision video laryngoscope equipment. Due to the minimal notice received of King Vision supply chain issues, MWLC EMSS understands there will be an unplanned budgetary impact to our agencies. This is unavoidable. Estimates of financial costs to agencies responsible to purchase the needed AirTraq video laryngoscope device is \$950.00 per ALS vehicle.

Implementation steps include:

1. MWLC EMSS obtaining adequate stock of AirTraq channeled blades for supplying agencies.
2. Developing and implementing required competency training for EMS Personnel.
3. Phasing out King Vision equipment and supplies.

Agencies should obtain quotes from suppliers and purchase the AirTraq video laryngoscope devices needed.

The EMS Office has learned of at least two companies supplying the AirTraq video laryngoscope kits:

1. Henry Schein, Bill Beetschen, 847-366-7989, bill.beetschen@henryschein.com, www.henryschein.com.
2. Mercury Medical, Stormy Grinnell, 630-432-1466, sgrinnell@mercurymed.com, www.mercurymed.com.

Once obtained, agencies must schedule and complete competency training with MWLC EMSS for EMS Personnel prior to using the equipment. We understand each agency will need time to obtain the needed equipment. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

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