Rule 1200-12-01-.02(3)(h) provides that “each ambulance service placing ambulances in service or obtaining an initial permit with a service in the State of Tennessee shall ensure ambulances are manufactured according to the Federal "Star of Life" KKK-A-1822 specification applicable on the date of manufacture.” On July 1, 2015, the U.S. General Services Administration adopted new KKK-A-1822 standards that require the construction of a patient loading and transport system under Paragraph 3.11.6.

Having found that this new patient loading and transport system is prohibitively expensive for certain licensed ambulance services in Tennessee, and that denying licenses to non-compliant ambulances may pose a danger to the public health, safety and welfare, the Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Board hereby waives this requirement for newly manufactured ambulances ordered prior July 1, 2016.

Adopted by the Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Board on December 8, 2015.