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amending Decree No 296/2012 on requirements for equipping providers of medical transport services, providers of emergency medical services, and providers of urgent care patient transport with vehicles and on requirements for these vehicles

Pursuant to § 120 of Act No 372/2011 on health services and the conditions for their provision (the Health Services Act), as amended by Act No 111/2019, Act No 261/2021 and Act No 240/2024, the Ministry of Health lays down the following to implement § 11(7) of the Health Services Act:

Article I

Decree No 296/2012 on requirements for equipping providers of medical transport services, providers of emergency medical services, and providers of urgent care patient transport with vehicles and on requirements for these vehicles is amended as follows:

1. In § 2(2), the word ‘produced’ is replaced by the words ‘registered in the Czech Republic’.
2. A new Section 2a is inserted after Section 2 and reads as follows:

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The Czech technical standards used under this Decree are published on the website of the Ministry of Health.’.

3. § 3 is deleted.

4. Footnote 1 reads:

⁽¹⁾ For example, Act No 56/2001 on the conditions for the operation of vehicles on roads, as amended, Act No 30/2024 on vehicle liability insurance, Decree No 153/2023 on roadworthiness certification and the technical requirements for the operation of vehicles on roads.’.

5. In paragraph 1 of Section A of Part I of the Annex, the following sentence is added: ‘A patient transport vehicle complies with the requirements laid down for patient transport road ambulance vehicles of type A1 or A2 pursuant to the Czech technical standard governing medical vehicles⁽²⁾.’.

Footnote 2 reads as follows:

⁽²⁾ ČSN EN 1789 (842110) Medical vehicles and their equipment - Road ambulances.’.

6. In paragraph 2 of Section A of Part I of the Annex, the word ‘non-glass’ is inserted at the beginning of point 2.12.

7. In paragraph 2 of Section A of Part I of the Annex, point 2.16 is deleted.

Points 2.17 to 2.21 are renumbered as points 2.16 to 2.20.

8. Point 2.19 of paragraph 2 of Section A of Part I of the Annex reads as follows:

‘2.19. work reflector lamp;’.

9. Footnote 3 reads as follows:

‘³⁾ Decree No 153/2023 on roadworthiness certification and the technical requirements for the operation of vehicles on roads.’.

10. In Part I, Section A, paragraph 2 of the Annex, the full stop at the end of point 2.20 is replaced by a comma, and the following point 2.21 is added:

‘2.21. a device for securing a folded wheelchair.’.

11. In Part I, Section A, paragraph 2 of the Annex, in the final part of the provision, the words ‘2.18 and 2.19’ are replaced by ‘2.17 and 2.18’.

12. In Part I, Section A of the Annex, paragraph 3 reads as follows:

‘3. Labelling and colour requirements for patient transport vehicles

3.1. The basic colour of the vehicle body is white. For contour highlighting, the vehicle is marked on the sides, front, and rear surfaces of the body with a horizontally applied red retro-reflective stripe, adapted to the shape of the vehicle. The width of the stripe is at least 150 mm and at most 300 mm.

3.2. In the central part of the front doors along the longitudinal axis of the vehicle, the vehicle is marked with the inscription ‘MEDICAL TRANSPORT SERVICE’, and the name of the provider of the medical transport service shall appear in the second line below the inscription. The inscription is black. The font height is 15 mm, line spacing is 35 mm.’.

13. In paragraph 1 of Section B of Part I and paragraph 1 of Section B of Part II of the Annex, the words ‘closed-body passenger car’ are replaced by the words ‘category M1 vehicle’.

14. In point 2.2 of paragraph 2 of Section B of Part I of the Annex, the words ‘a vehicle radio transceiver or’ are deleted.

15. Paragraph 4 of Section B of Part I of the Annex reads as follows:

‘4. Labelling and colour requirements for vehicles for the rapid transport of medical professionals and for the urgent transport of tissues, cells and other biological material, medicinal products and medical devices necessary for the provision of urgent care

4.1. The basic colour of the vehicle body is white. For contour highlighting, the vehicle is marked on the sides, front, and rear surfaces of the body with a horizontally applied red retro-reflective stripe, adapted to the shape of the vehicle. The upper edge of the stripe is located 30 mm from the lower edge of the side window. The width of the stripe is at least 150 mm and at most 300 mm.

4.2. In the central part of the front door along the longitudinal axis of the vehicle, the vehicle is marked with the name of the medical transport service provider. The inscription is black. The font height is 15 mm, line spacing is 35 mm.’.

16. The following sentence is added to paragraph 1 of Section A of Part II of the Annex: ‘An emergency medical vehicle complies with the requirements laid down for patient transport road ambulance vehicles of type B or a mobile intensive care unit of type C pursuant to the Czech technical standard governing medical vehicles²⁾.’.
17. In paragraph 2 of Section A of Part II of the Annex, the words ‘allowing data transmission’ are added at the end of point 2.8.
18. In point 2.11 of Section A(2) of Part II of the Annex, the words ‘nasal cannula,’ are inserted after the word ‘including’.
19. In point 2.13 of Section A(2) of Part II of the Annex, after the word ‘cannulae’, the words ‘intubation bougie’ are inserted and the word ‘coniotomy’ is replaced by the words ‘invasive airway management’.
20. In paragraph 2 of Section A of Part II of the Annex, the words ‘with material for the care of a mother and child’ are added at the end of point 2.31.
21. In paragraph 2 of Section A of Part II of the Annex, point 2.32 is deleted.

Points 2.33 to 2.56 are renumbered as points 2.32 to 2.55.
22. In paragraph 2 of Section A of Part II of the Annex, the words ‘including extension splint’ are added at the end of point 2.33.
23. In paragraph 2 of Section A of Part II of the Annex, the word ‘non-glass’ is inserted at the beginning of point 2.37.
24. In point 2.43 of paragraph 2 of Section A of Part II of the Annex, the words ‘or a functionally similar device’ are inserted after the words ‘back brace’.
25. In Section A of Part II of the Annex, the words ‘for all members of the response group” are added at the end of point 2.44.
26. In point 2.50 of paragraph 2 of Section A of Part II of the Annex, the words ‘medical devices’ are replaced by the word ‘surfaces’.
27. In paragraph 2 of Section A of Part II of the Annex, the following new point 2.55 is inserted after point 2.54:

‘2.55. GPS navigation or its equivalent allowing data exchange with the Medical Operations Centre;’.

Point 2.55 is renumbered as point 2.56.

28. Part II of the Annex, in point 2.56 of Section A, paragraph 2, the words ‘blue colour²⁾’ are replaced by the words ‘with a combination of blue and red colours’.
29. The final part of the provision of paragraph 2 of Section A of Part II of the Annex is deleted.
30. Paragraph 3 of Section A of Part II of the Annex reads as follows:

‘3. Labelling and colour requirements for emergency medical service vehicles

3.1. The basic colour of the vehicle body is sulphur yellow RAL 1016, the roof is the same colour or white.

3.2. Blue Star of Life symbols are located at least on both sides of the vehicle and on the rear door.

3.3. On the sides of the body, the vehicle is marked with a horizontally applied retroreflective stripe with regularly alternating fields of green and yellow for contour accentuation. The fields measure at least 300x150 mm; in technically justified cases, particularly in the case of lack of space to accommodate the field or if the body shape makes it impossible to accommodate the field, the field dimensions are adapted to the vehicle design. The fields are placed in one or two horizontal stripes, creating the appearance of a checkerboard.

3.4. In the centre of the front doors along the longitudinal axis of the vehicle, the vehicle is marked ‘EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE’. The second line below the inscription specifies the name of the provider of the emergency medical service in black 15 mm high letters, or the emblem of the health service provider measuring at least 200 mm. Line spacing is 35 mm.

3.5. In the central part of the front bonnet along the longitudinal axis of the vehicle, the vehicle is marked with a large emblem of the health service provider of at least 400 mm and at most 500 mm high or with the inscription ‘AMBULANCE’. The inscription is in green.

3.6. The sides of the vehicle body are marked ‘EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE’. The inscription is situated between the upper edge of the window and the upper edge of the body; in technically justified cases, especially in the case of a lack of space to accommodate the inscription or if body shape makes it impossible to accommodate the inscription, the inscription can be situated between the lower edge of the window and the upper edge of the retro-reflective stripe. The inscription is in green. The height of the letters is at least 100 mm.

3.7. Red and yellow retro-reflective stripes are situated on the rear of the vehicle body. The stripes are situated at an angle of 45 degrees to the horizontal surface of the vehicle. Stripe width is at least 150 mm. The stripes run from the central

longitudinal axis of the rear part to the outer part of the body. The first stripe from the upper outer body in the front view is red.

3.8. The inscription 'AMBULANCE' appears on the front and rear of the body. The inscription is situated in the central part of the transverse axis of the vehicle, between the upper edge of the windscreen and the upper edge of the body, and between the upper edge of the rear window and the upper edge of the body; in technically justified cases, especially in the case of a lack of space to accommodate the inscription or if body shape makes it impossible to accommodate the inscription, the inscription can be situated between the lower edge of the window and the lower edge of the body. The inscription is in green. The height of the letters is at least 150 mm.

3.9. If there is an inscription on the roof of the vehicle expressing the call sign of the radio transceiver located in the vehicle, it consists of letters at least 280 mm high. If the size of the inscription exceeds the size of the free area on the roof of the vehicle, the inscription with the call sign is placed on two lines. Line spacing is 100 mm. In technically justified cases, especially in the case of a lack of space for the inscription or if body shape makes it impossible to accommodate the inscription, the height of the letters is adapted to the design of the vehicle.

31. In Section A of Part II of the Annex, the following paragraph 4 is added:

'4. The provisions of paragraph 3 of Section A of Part II do not apply to vehicles of a patient transport provider of pre-hospital urgent care that provides emergency medical services on the basis of § 14 of Act No 374/2011 on Emergency Medical Services. These vehicles have the colour and markings pursuant to paragraph 3 of Part III.'

32. In paragraph 3 of Section B, the words 'II.A.2 of this Annex' are replaced by the words 'II, Section A, paragraph 2', the words '2.32, 2.38, 2.44 and 2.55' are replaced by the words '2.21, 2.37, 2.43 and 2.54' and the words 'II.A.2 point 2.12 of this Annex' are replaced by the words 'II, Section A, paragraph 2, point 2.12'.

33. Paragraph 5 of Section B of Part II of the Annex reads as follows:

'5. Requirements for the marking and colouring of emergency medical vehicles in the rendezvous system

5.1. The basic colour of the vehicle body is sulphur yellow RAL 1016.

5.2. Blue Star of Life symbols are located at least on both sides of the vehicle and on the rear door. The size of the symbol is at least 200 mm.

5.3. On the sides of the body, the vehicle is marked with a horizontally applied retroreflective stripe with regularly alternating fields of green and yellow for contour accentuation. The fields measure at least 300x150 mm; in technically justified cases, particularly in the case of lack of space to accommodate the field or if the body shape makes it impossible to accommodate the field, the field dimensions are adapted to the vehicle design. The fields are placed in one or two horizontal stripes, creating the appearance of a checkerboard.

5.4. In the centre of the front doors along the longitudinal axis of the vehicle, the vehicle is marked 'EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE'. The second line below the inscription specifies the name of the provider of the emergency medical service in black letters 15 mm high, or the emblem of the health service provider measuring at least 200 mm. Line spacing is 35 mm.

5.5. On the front bonnet, the vehicle is marked with a large emblem of the health service provider measuring at most 500 mm or with the inscription 'AMBULANCE'. The inscription is in green.

5.6. The sides of the vehicle body are marked 'EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE'. The inscription is situated between the lower edge of the window and the lower edge of the body. The inscription is in green. The height of the letters is at least 50 mm.

5.7. Red and yellow retro-reflective stripes are situated on the rear of the vehicle body. The stripes are situated at an angle of 45 degrees to the horizontal surface of the vehicle. The stripes run from the central longitudinal axis of the rear part to the outer part of the body. The first stripe from the upper outer part of the body in the front view is red.

5.8. The inscription 'AMBULANCE' appears on the front and rear of the body. The inscription is situated in the central part of the transverse axis of the vehicle, between the lower edge of the windscreen and the lower edge of the body, and between the lower edge of the rear window and the lower edge of the body. The inscription is in green. The height of the letters is at least 300 mm.

5.9. If there is an inscription on the roof of the vehicle expressing the call sign of the radio transceiver located in the vehicle, it consists of letters 280 mm high. If the size of the inscription exceeds the size of the free area on the roof of the vehicle, the inscription with the call sign is placed on two lines. Line spacing is 100 mm. In technically justified cases, especially in the case of a lack of space for the inscription or if body shape makes it impossible to accommodate the inscription, the height of the letters is adapted to the design of the vehicle.'

34. In Section B of Part II of the Annex, the following paragraph 6 is added:

'6. The provisions of paragraph 5 of Section B of Part II do not apply to vehicles of an urgent care patient transport that provides emergency medical services on the basis of § 14 of Act No 374/2011 on Emergency Medical Services. These vehicles have the colour and markings pursuant to paragraph 3 of Part III.'

35. The following sentence is being added to paragraph 1 of Section C of Part II of the Annex: 'An emergency medical service vehicle meets the requirements laid down for type B emergency service road ambulance vehicles pursuant to the Czech technical standard governing medical vehicles²⁾'.

36. In paragraph 2 of Section C of Part II of the Annex, the words 'II.A.2 of this Annex' are replaced by the words 'II, Section A, paragraph 2'.

37. Paragraph 3 of Section C of Part II of the Annex reads as follows:

'3. The basic colour of the vehicle body and the markings are the same as those of emergency medical service vehicles pursuant to Section A of Part II.'

38. The following sentence is added to paragraph 1 of Section D of Part II of the Annex: 'A vehicle for the transport of premature and pathological newborns complies with the requirements laid down for type B emergency service road ambulance vehicles or type C mobile intensive care units pursuant to the Czech technical standard governing medical vehicles²⁾.'
39. In paragraph 2 of Section D of Part II of the Annex, the words 'II.A.2 of this Annex' are replaced by the words 'II, Section A, paragraph 2' and the words '2.34, 2.38, 2.44 to 2.46, 2.49 and 2.50' are replaced by the words '2.33, 2.37, 2.43 to 2.45, 2.48 and 2.49'.
40. Paragraph 3 of Section D of Part II of the Annex reads as follows:
- '3. The basic colour of the vehicle body and the markings are the same as those of emergency medical service vehicles pursuant to Section A of Part II.'
41. The following sentence is added to Section E of Part II of the Annex: "The helicopter for an air response team complies with the requirements laid down for air ambulances pursuant to Czech technical standards governing air ambulances⁵⁾.'

Footnote 5 reads as follows:

⁵⁾ ČSN EN 13718-1+A1 (842120) Medical vehicles and their equipment - Air ambulances - Part 1: Requirements for medical devices used in air ambulances.
ČSN EN 13718-2+A1 (842120) Medical vehicles and their equipment - Air ambulances - Part 2: Operational and technical requirements for air ambulances.'

42. In paragraph 2 of Section E of Part II of the Annex, the words 'II.A.2 of this Annex' are replaced by 'II, Section A, paragraph 2', the text '2.52, 2.53, 2.55' is replaced by '2.51, 2.52, 2.54' and the words 'II.A.2 of point 2.1 of this Annex' are replaced by 'II, Section A, paragraph 2, point 2.1'.
43. In the Annex, the following Sections F and G are added at the end of Part II:

'F. Other and special emergency medical service vehicles

1. Other and special emergency medical service vehicles are defined as category A, L, M, N, O, and R vehicles that meet the conditions for the operation of motor vehicles on roads pursuant to other legislation¹⁾, and are designed to perform the tasks of the emergency medical service pursuant to the Health Services Act, the Emergency Medical Service Act, and the Integrated Rescue System Act.

2. Requirements for the marking and colouring of other and special emergency medical service vehicles

2.1. The basic colour of the vehicle body is sulphur yellow RAL 1016.

2.2. Blue Star of Life symbols are located at least on both sides of the vehicle and on the rear door. The size of the symbol is at least 300 mm; in technically justified cases, especially in the case of a lack of space to accommodate the symbol or if body shape makes it impossible to accommodate the symbol, the symbol size is adapted to the vehicle design.

2.3. On the sides of the body, the vehicle is marked with a horizontally applied retroreflective stripe with regularly alternating fields of green and yellow for contour accentuation. The fields measure at least 300x150 mm; in technically justified cases, especially in the case of a lack of space to accommodate the field or if body shape makes it impossible to accommodate the field, the field dimensions are adapted to the vehicle design. The fields are placed in one or two horizontal stripes, creating the appearance of a checkerboard.

2.4. The sides of the vehicle body are marked 'EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE'. If the vehicle has side windows, the inscription is situated between the top edge of the window and the top edge of the body; in technically justified cases, especially in the case of a lack of space to accommodate the inscription or if body shape makes it impossible to accommodate the inscription, the inscription can be situated between the lower edge of the window and the upper edge of the retro-reflective stripe. The inscription is in green. The height of the letters is at least 100 mm.

2.5. The inscription 'AMBULANCE' appears on the front and rear of the body. The inscription on the front and rear is adapted to the specific technical characteristics of the vehicle. The inscription is in green. The height of the letters is at least 100 mm.

2.6. Red and yellow retro-reflective stripes are situated on the rear of the vehicle body. The stripes are situated at an angle of 45 degrees to the horizontal surface of the vehicle. The stripes run from the central longitudinal axis of the rear part to the outer part of the body. The first stripe from the upper outer part of the body in the front view is red.

2.7. Vehicles are equipped with a special warning light with a combination of blue and red colour, accompanied by a special audible warning device.

G. Emergency medical service vessels

1. Requirements for the marking and colouring of emergency medical service vessels

1.1. On the sides, the vessel is marked with a horizontally applied retroreflective stripe with regularly alternating fields of green and yellow for contour accentuation. The fields measure at least 300x150 mm; in technically justified cases, especially in the case of a lack of space to accommodate the field or if body shape makes it impossible to accommodate the field, the field dimensions are adapted to the vessel design. The fields are placed in one or two horizontal stripes, creating the appearance of a checkerboard.

1.2. The sides of the boat are marked 'EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE'. The second line below the inscription specifies the name of the provider of the emergency medical service in green letters 15 mm high, or the emblem of the health service provider measuring at least 100 mm. Line spacing is 35 mm.

1.3. If a vessel is equipped with a special warning light, this light is blue or a combination of blue and red and is accompanied by a special audible warning device.'

44. The following sentence is added to paragraph 1 of Part III of the Annex: 'A vehicle for the transport of urgent care patients complies with the requirements laid down

for road ambulance vehicles for the transport of urgent care patients of type B or a mobile intensive care unit of type C pursuant to the Czech technical standard governing medical vehicles²⁾’.

45. In paragraph 2 of Part III of the Annex, the words ‘II.A.2 of this Annex’ are replaced by ‘II, Section A, paragraph 2’, the words ‘2.44 to 2.46 and 2.48 to 2.50’ are replaced by ‘2.43 to 2.45 and 2.47 to 2.49’, the words ‘II.A.2. point 2.52 of this Annex’ are replaced by ‘II, Section A, paragraph 2, point 2.51’, and the sentence ‘This provision does not apply to vehicles of a pre-hospital urgent care provider providing emergency medical services pursuant to § 14 of Act No 374/2011 on emergency medical services’ is inserted after the second sentence.
46. In paragraph 2 of Part II of the Annex, the words ‘II.D.2 of this Annex’ are replaced by the words ‘II, Section D, paragraph 2’.
47. Paragraph 3 of Part III of the Annex reads as follows:

‘3. Labelling and colour requirements for urgent care patient transport vehicles

3.1. The basic colour of the vehicle body is white. For contour highlighting, the vehicle is marked on the sides, front, and rear surfaces of the body with a horizontally applied red retro-reflective stripe, adapted to the shape of the vehicle. The width of the stripe is at least 150 mm and at most 300 mm.

3.2. In the central part of the front door along the longitudinal centreline of the vehicle, the vehicle is marked ‘URGENT CARE PATIENT TRANSPORT’. The second line below the inscription specifies the name of the provider of the urgent care patient transport in black letters 15 mm high, or the emblem of the health service provider measuring at least 200 mm. Line spacing is 35 mm.

3.3. The sides of the vehicle bear the inscription ‘URGENT CARE PATIENT TRANSPORT’. The inscription is placed between the upper edge of the window and the upper edge of the body; in technically justified cases, especially in the case of a lack of space to accommodate the inscription or if body shape makes it impossible to accommodate the inscription, the inscription can be situated between the lower edge of the window and the upper edge of the retro-reflective stripe. The inscription is in black. The height of the letters is at least 100 mm.

3.4. The inscription ‘AMBULANCE’ appears on the front and rear of the body. The inscription is situated in the central part of the transverse axis of the vehicle, between the upper edge of the windscreen and the upper edge of the body, and between the upper edge of the rear window and the upper edge of the body; in technically justified cases, especially in the case of a lack of space to accommodate the inscription or if body shape makes it impossible to accommodate the inscription, the inscription can be situated between the lower edge of the window and the lower edge of the body. The inscription is black. The height of the letters is at least 150 mm.

3.5. Red and yellow retro-reflective stripes are situated on the rear of the vehicle body. The stripes are situated at an angle of 45 degrees to the horizontal axis of the vehicle. Stripe width is at least 150 mm. The stripes run from the central longitudinal axis of the rear part to the outer part of the body. The first stripe from the upper outer part of the body in the front view is red.

3.6. If the vehicle is equipped with a radio transceiver, there is an inscription indicating the call sign of the radio transceiver located in the vehicle on the roof of the vehicle. The call sign consists of letters 280 mm high. If the size of the inscription exceeds the size of the free area on the roof of the vehicle, the inscription with the call sign is placed in two lines. Line spacing is 100 mm. In technically justified cases, especially in the case of a lack of space for the inscription or if body shape makes it impossible to accommodate the inscription, the height of the letters is adapted to the design of the vehicle.

48. In Part III of the Annex, the following paragraph 4 is added:

‘4. If the transport of urgent care patients is provided by an emergency medical service provider, an emergency medical vehicle or an emergency paramedic vehicle meeting the requirements for the equipment of a vehicle for transporting urgent care patients may also be used.’.

Article II

Transitional provisions

1. The requirements for vehicle colours laid down in the Annex to Decree No 296/2012, as amended as of the effective date of this Decree, shall not apply to vehicles registered in the Czech Republic until 31 December 2026.

2. The requirements for technical and material equipment of a provider of medical transport services, a provider of medical emergency services, and a provider of transport of urgent care patients by vehicles pursuant to the Annex to Decree No 296/2012, as amended as of the effective date of this Decree, must be complied with by providers of medical transport services, providers of medical emergency services, and providers of urgent care patient transport by 31 December 2026. The requirements for technical and material equipment of a provider of medical transport services, a provider of medical emergency services, and a provider of transport of urgent care patients by vehicles stipulated in paragraph 3 of Section A of Part I and paragraph 2 of Section B and paragraph 2 of Section A of Part II of the Annex to Decree No 296/2012, as amended as of the effective date of this Decree, must be complied with by providers of medical transport services, providers of medical emergency services, and providers of urgent care patient transport within 3 months after the effective date of this Decree.

Article III

Technical regulation

This Decree was notified in accordance with Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services.

Article IV

Effective date

This Decree shall take effect on the fifteenth day after its promulgation.

Minister: