

# **FAA DISTINGUISHES PART 135 OPERATORS IN FIRST-AID KIT REQUIREMENT**

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## ***What's at Issue***

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) clarifying the requirement that aircraft operating under FAR Part 135 be equipped with at least one first aid kit. This is not a new requirement.

## ***Why It's Important***

While addressing required medical equipment aboard air carrier aircraft, the NPRM recognizes the differences between Part 135 operations and other air carrier operations that include at least one flight attendant.

## ***Major Provisions***

The NPRM would remove an obsolete reference and replace it with clear language requiring "At least one approved first-aid kit\* (see the back of this report for the minimum "appropriately maintained" contents of the first-aid kit) for treatment of injuries likely to occur in flight or in a minor accident."

The NPRM primarily is concerned with adding required emergency medical equipment for Part 121 aircraft, but does NOT extend these additional requirements to Part 135 operations. The proposed rule would require Part 121 operators to carry enhanced Emergency Medical Kits and would add automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to their equipment list.

## ***NATA Position***

The Association applauds the FAA for distinguishing Part 135 from other types of air carrier operations that require a flight attendant. NATA does not oppose the proposed change as it affects FAR Part 135 operations.

## ***Status***

Comments on the proposed rule are required by September 21, 2000. Copies of the NPRM can be obtained from NATA's Susan Nicholson by telephone at 1-800-808-6282 or email at [snicholson@nata-online.org](mailto:snicholson@nata-online.org).

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\* The minimum “appropriately maintained” contents of the first-aid kit are:

Adhesive bandage compresses, 1-inch	16
Antiseptic swabs	20
Ammonia inhalants	10
Bandage compresses, 4-inch	8
Triangular bandage compresses, 40-inch	5
Arm splint, non-inflatable	1
Leg splint, non-inflatable	1
Roller bandage, 4-inch	4
Adhesive tape, 1-inch standard roll	2
Bandage scissors	1
Protective non-permeable gloves or equivalent	1 pair