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Q: I recently heard that IDPH is required to license “stretcher” vans. Does that include my facility van that we use for doctor appointments and resident outings?

A: IDPH is required under Illinois Administrative Code Section 515.835, 515.840 and 515.845 to license stretcher vans. A stretcher van is defined as:

- A stretcher van provider may provide transport of a passenger on stretcher provided the passenger meets all of the following requirements:
  1) He or she needs no medical monitoring or clinical observation;
  2) He or she needs routine non-emergent transportation to or from a medical appointment or service if he or she is convalescent or otherwise bed confined and does not require clinical observation, aid, care, or treatment during transport. (Section 3.86(c) of the Act)

Therefore, unless your facility van/vehicle is providing transportation to residents who are bed confined, the facility van/vehicle does not need to be licensed by IDPH. The guidelines for a stretcher van can be found in the Illinois Administrative Code (click here).