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I am a member of our Health and Safety Committee for an Emergency Services provider for a county-wide service. Relative to the draft publication, our personnel have suffered many back injuries as a result of patient transfer onto stretchers or lifting into ambulances, over the years. As a committee, we have struggled with establishing a program to reduce these types of injuries. These algorithms are a start but naturally don't address the patient transfer situations that emergency services personnel encounter on a regular basis. Is there anything in the works to target the emergency services worker? I would appreciate any guidance you can provide. Thank you.

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