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Subject: Helicopter Point in Space (PinS) Course-to-Altitude (CA) Leg Guidance

We recently became aware of an issue with the RNAV leg type descriptions in Order 8260.19H Flight Procedures and Airspace, paragraph 4-6-5, in relation to Helicopter Point-in-Space (PinS) approaches.

In previous edition of this Order, this paragraph stated when no missed approach “climb-to” altitude (CA) is specified, the CA altitude is the DA, MDA, or 400 feet above the airport elevation, whichever is lower. The guidance also included an exception for Helicopter PinS approaches, permitting use of the MDA or DA only. This paragraph now refers to Order 8260.58A, United States Standard for Performance Based Navigation (PBN) Instrument Procedure Design, paragraph 3-5-2. The Helicopter PinS exception is not included in this paragraph but it may still be applied.

The Helicopter PinS CA leg altitude exception will be included in the next version of FAA Order 8260.58. We anticipate a publication date in late 2019 or early 2020.

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