

## **PUBLIC SAFETY/EMT AED PROGRAMS**

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### **I. PURPOSE**

Defibrillation, utilizing an automated external defibrillator (AED) according to policies and procedures established by the EMS Agency, is included in the EMT-I scope of practice and has been approved as an optional skill for use by personnel trained to Public Safety Standards.

### **II. AED SERVICE PROVIDER**

An AED service provider is an agency or organization that employs individuals as Public Safety or EMT personnel and who obtains AEDs for the purpose of providing AED services to the general public.

- A. An AED service provider shall be approved by the EMS Agency. In order to receive and maintain AED service provider approval, an AED service provider shall comply with the requirements of this policy and/or applicable state regulations.
- B. AED service provider approval may be revoked or suspended for failure to maintain the requirements of this policy and/or applicable state regulations.
- C. An AED service provider shall be approved if it meets and provides the following:
  1. Completes an application available from the EMS Agency.
  2. Provides orientation of AED authorized personnel to the AED.
  3. Ensures maintenance of the AED equipment.
  4. Ensures initial training and continued competency of AED authorized personnel.
  5. Notices to the EMS Agency when an AED has been utilized on a patient using the attached form.
  6. Collects and reports to the EMS Agency quarterly, data that includes:
    - a. Number of patients with sudden cardiac arrest receiving CPR prior to arrival of AED service provider personnel.
    - b. Total number of patients the AED was applied to.
    - c. Total number of patients on whom defibrillatory shocks were administered.
    - d. Total number of patients on whom defibrillatory shocks were administered, who suffered a witnessed cardiac arrest.
  7. Authorizes personnel to use an AED and maintains a list of all authorized personnel and provides the list to the EMS Agency annually or upon request.
- D. An approved AED service provider and its authorized personnel shall be recognized statewide.

### **III. PUBLIC SAFETY AED SERVICE PROVIDER TRAINING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

- A. A public safety agency wishing to implement an AED program must submit a training program for approval by the EMS Agency. This program shall include:
  1. A minimum of four (4) hours of initial instruction and testing.
  2. A course outline which includes the topics and skills listed in the current Public Safety regulations, for the optional skill of AED.
  3. A final written and practical evaluation.



- B. The public safety agency shall implement a quality improvement program as outlined in the quality improvement plan established by the EMS Agency.
- C. The public safety agency shall follow the policies and procedures issued by the EMS Agency Medical Director.
- D. Defibrillators and defibrillator trainers shall be maintained in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

#### **IV. PUBLIC SAFETY AED INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS**

To be authorized to instruct public safety personnel in the use of an AED, an AED instructor shall either:

- A. Complete an American Red Cross or American Heart Association recognized instructor course (or equivalent) including instruction and training in the use of an AED, or;
- B. Be approved by the EMS Agency Medical Director and meet the following requirements:
  - 1. Be authorized to use an AED,
  - 2. Be competent in the proper use of an AED, and
  - 3. Be able to demonstrate competency in adult teaching methodologies.