

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY
PREHOSPITAL POLICY

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SUBJECT: EMT/PUBLIC SAFETY AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM

I. PURPOSE

To establish the requirements and responsibilities of a San Luis Obispo County approved EMT/Public Safety Automatic External Defibrillation (AED) Service Provider.

II. AUTHORITY

Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Division 9, Chapters 1.5 and 2.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. AED Authorized Personnel: EMT and/or Public Safety personnel trained to operate an AED and authorized by an approved EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider.
- B. Automated External Defibrillator or AED: an external defibrillator capable of cardiac rhythm analysis which will charge and deliver a shock either automatically or by user interaction after electronically detecting and assessing ventricular fibrillation or rapid ventricular tachycardia.
- C. Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMS Agency): The agency having primary responsibility for administration of emergency medical services in San Luis Obispo County.
- D. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT): An individual trained in prehospital and Basic Life Support (BLS) skills who possesses a valid Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certificate as prescribed by local and state regulations.
- E. EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider: 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.

IV. POLICY

- A. An EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider shall be approved by the EMS Agency.
- B. In order to receive and maintain EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider approval, an agency or organization shall comply with the requirements of this policy and the EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider Guide.

- C. The EMS Agency will provide program approval or disapproval in writing to the applicant within thirty (30) days following receipt of all required documentation.
- D. An approved EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider training program must be approved prior to implementation of the AED Program.
- E. An approved EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider shall provide AED equipment orientation and ensure training and continued competency of AED Authorized Personnel utilizing EMS Agency approved public safety AED instructors as outlined in the EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider Guide.
- F. An approved EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider shall provide a list of all EMT/Public Safety AED Authorized Personnel to the EMS Agency prior to implementation of the AED Program. This list shall be maintained and provided to the EMS Agency annually or upon request as outlined in the EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider Guide.
- G. AN EMT/Public Safety Service Provider shall ensure that its AED Authorized Personnel comply with and perform emergency cardiac care at all times in accordance with EMS Agency policies, procedures and protocols.
- H. AED Authorized Personnel who fail to meet and maintain EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider authorization requirements shall not utilize AED equipment on a patient until all requirements are met.
- I. An approved EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider shall notify the EMS Agency when an AED has been utilized on a patient using the EMS Agency approved AED Patient Report. This report must be returned to the EMS Agency along with Patient Care Report and printout from the AED device by the 15th day of the month following the date of the call.
- J. An approved EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider shall ensure maintenance of its AED equipment.
- K. An approved EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider shall collect data and report to the EMS Agency annually or upon request as outlined in the EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider Guide.
- L. The EMS Agency may revoke or suspend EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider approval for failure to meet the requirements of this policy or applicable state regulations.
- M. An approved EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider and its authorized personnel shall be recognized statewide.
- N. Any exception to the requirements of this policy must be approved by the EMS Agency Medical Director.

V. PROCESS

- A. Any agency or organization seeking approval as an EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider must submit a completed EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider Application Packet to the EMS Agency as outlined in the EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider Guide which includes:

1. A completed EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider Application, and
 2. A letter of intent to provide EMT/Public Safety AED service from the agency or organization administrator including proposed target date for beginning service, and
 3. A copy of applicant's EMT/Public Safety AED training program outline meeting the specifications contained in the EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider Guide, and
 4. Specifications of the AED equipment applicant proposes to use and schedule for updating, upgrading and repairing equipment, and
 5. A copy of applicant's written Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Program for EMT/Public Safety AED meeting the specifications contained in the EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider Guide, and
 6. A copy of applicant's EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider policies and procedures meeting the specifications contained in the EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider Guide.
- B. Any costs incurred creating, implementing and maintaining an EMT/Public Safety AED program shall be borne by the EMT/Public Safety AED Service Provider.