

# Monterey County EMS System Policy



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## AED GUIDELINES

### I. PURPOSE

To establish the procedures for accredited personnel to utilize an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) in the pre-hospital management of a patient in cardiac arrest and to establish the process for AED Service Provider approval and maintaining approval.

### II. DEFINITIONS

- A. Automated External Defibrillator (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.
- B. Public Safety AED Service Provider (Includes EMT AED Service Providers). An EMS Service Provider agency or organization which is responsible for, and is approved to operate, an AED.
- C. Public Access AED. An AED placed for use by a non-medical person, in a medical emergency involving an unconscious, person who has no signs of circulation. This definition does not apply to individuals who have been prescribed an AED by a physician for use on a specifically identified individual.

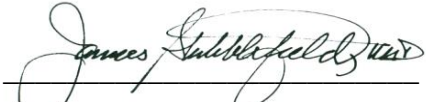
### III. POLICY

- A. A currently certified EMT-1 or Emergency Medical Responder may utilize an AED as part of their scope of practice when employed by a public safety AED service provider.
- B. A public safety AED service provider shall meet the requirements of this policy and all California State regulations regarding the use of an AED by their personnel.
- C. Paramedics, EMT-1's, and other EMS responders may utilize a Public Access AED.
- D. Public safety AED service provider personnel shall follow the guidelines established by the American Heart Association for CPR and for use of an AED as specified in Monterey County EMS policies and protocols.

### IV. AED SERVICE PROVIDER APPROVAL:

- A. A public safety AED service provider shall be approved by the local EMS agency, or in the case of state or federal agencies, the EMS Authority, prior to beginning service. In order to receive and maintain AED service provider approval, a public safety AED service provider shall ensure compliance with the requirements of this policy and California regulations.

- B. Public safety AED service provider approval may be revoked or suspended for failure to maintain the requirements under California regulations and/or Monterey County EMS policy.
- C. A public safety AED service provider applicant shall be approved by the EMS Agency provided they:
1. Submit an application packet to the EMS Agency that includes identification of the provider's AED instructors;
  2. Establish and utilize policies to orient AED authorized personnel to the AED;
  3. Develop policies for and follow a maintenance program for AED equipment;
  4. Establish policies to ensure initial training and continued competency of AED authorized personnel;
  5. Collect and report on the approved data collection form, to the EMS Agency, data from each AED placement on a patient.
  6. Authorize, and maintain a listing of, all public safety AED service provider authorized personnel and AED instructors. This shall be provided upon request to the local EMS agency or the EMS Authority.

  
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