



EMT AED SERVICE PROVIDER PROGRAM APPROVAL

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I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define the approval process for agencies or organizations that utilize Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) to provide automated external defibrillator (AED) services to the public.

II. Scope of Practice

The scope of practice of EMTs shall not exceed those activities authorized in California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 2, and Santa Clara County EMS policy.

III. Program Approval

- A. An agency or organization ("Program") that intends to authorize AED use by EMTs, shall submit their program proposal for administration of AED Services ("Program Proposal") to the Santa Clara County EMS Agency for approval.
- B. The program proposal shall include the following:
 - 1. The program's policy regarding the operation and maintenance of AEDs and any policy related to the deployment and ordering of AEDs and related equipment. Including all aspects of initial training requirements, on-going training requirements, including hands on manipulation of the intended devices that will be deployed and proper AED/CPR procedures with any unconscious unresponsive patient.
 - 2. A continuous quality improvement plan that requires EMTs to demonstrate trained skills competency at least every two years, or more frequently as determined by the EMS quality improvement plan (EQIP). The plan should also include the means of communication to the EMS Agency if an AED is used.
 - 3. The method of collecting applicable data and submitting an annual report to the EMS Agency, which shall include, at a minimum, (1) the number of patients with sudden cardiac arrest receiving CPR prior to arrival of emergency medical care; (2) the total number of patients on whom defibrillatory shocks were administered, witnessed and not witnessed; and (3) the number of witnessed cardiac arrests whose initial rhythm was ventricular tachycardia or ventricular fibrillation.
- C. Once approved a provider must implement and insure adherence to the policies, guidelines and procedures of the EMS Agency as set forth in the Santa Clara County Prehospital Care Manual and all other policies, procedures and guidelines related to emergency medical services providers.
- D. A program's approval may be revoked or suspended for failure to maintain the requirements of this or any other Santa Clara County EMS policy.