

SUBJECT: PUBLIC SAFETY AUTOMATED EXTERNAL
DEFIBRILLATOR ACCREDITATION

Date: 07/01/05

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- I. **Authority:** Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.170, 1797.208, 1797.210, 1797.214, 1797.220, 1798.102 and 1798.104.
 - II. **Purpose:** To establish the requirements for Public Safety (PS) Automated External Defibrillator (AED) accreditation in San Diego County.
 - III. **Policy:** Public Safety personnel must be accredited by San Diego County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in order to use the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) skill in San Diego County.
 - A. To become PS AED accredited in San Diego County, the following criteria must be met:
 1. Possess a current CPR card (Health Care Provider/Professional Rescuer or equivalent).
 2. Possess documentation of successful completion of an approved Public Safety First Aid Course.
 3. Possess a valid PS AED Course Completion record from an approved PS AED Training Program.
 4. Be affiliated with an approved PS AED agency in San Diego County.
 - B. The following continuing education (CE) requirements must be met to maintain PS AED accreditation:
 1. Demonstrate skills proficiency annually, at a minimum.
 2. Adherence to the CE requirements rests on the Physician Medical Director or designee to which the accredited PS AED is assigned.
 - C. Deactivation/Reactivation Process:

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1. PS AED accreditation will become inactive for:
 - a. Failure to comply with CE requirements.
 - b. Failure to maintain current CPR card.
 - c. No longer affiliated with a PS AED agency.
2. The Physician Medical Director or designee shall be responsible for notifying EMS of PS AED personnel who are placed in inactive status on the first day of the following month.
3. Inactive status due to CE delinquency: The employing agency shall be responsible for notifying the employee and assuring inactive status until the CE delinquency is resolved and verified by the Physician Medical Director or designee.
4. Inactive status due to failure to maintain certification(s):
 - a. Employing agency shall monitor status of employee certification(s).
 - b. Employing agency shall notify the Physician Medical Director or designee of the agency of inactive status due to lapse in certification(s).
 - c. The employing agency shall be responsible for notifying the employee and assuring inactive status until certification issue(s) resolved.
5. Reactivation Process:
 - a. A PS AED on inactive status may be reactivated by fulfilling the following requirements:

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- 1) Inactive status due to CE delinquency -- shall be resolved to the satisfaction of the Physician Medical Director or designee.
 - 2) Inactive status due to failure to maintain current First Aid/CPR certification—submit proof of current PS First Aid/CPR certification/training to employer.
- b. The Physician Medical Director or designee shall be responsible for notifying EMS of PS AED personnel who are removed from inactive status on the first day of the following month.

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