

SUBJECT: QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN
OR PUBLIC SAFETY AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

Date: 07/01/05

- I. **Authority:** Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.170, 1797.204, 1798 and 1798.102.
- II. **Purpose:** To establish minimum requirements for quality control and assurance of appropriate patient care.
- III. **Policy:**
 - A. The Public Safety (PS) Automated External Defibrillator (AED) provider agency physician or the EMT Automated External Defibrillator (AED) agency coordinator shall establish policies and procedures to review runs to include the following:
 1. Written documentation of compliance/noncompliance of protocols on each run; information to be obtained from the event record.
 2. All shockable rhythms to identify trends or deficiencies and follow-up according to Base Hospital quality assurance process.
 - B. Prehospital issues reportable to Prehospital Audit Committee (PAC).
 1. Malfunctions of the AED machine.
 2. Functioning outside of the scope of practice.
 3. Variation of policies/protocols.
 4. Deviations from safety guidelines.
 - C. The following deviations and deficiencies shall be reported verbally to San Diego County Emergency Medical Services within 48 hours with written documentation to follow.
 1. Functioning outside of the scope of practice.

Approved:

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2. Deviations from safety guidelines resulting in injury.
- D. The PS AED provider agency physician or the EMT AED agency coordinator and agency shall establish policies to deal with event record storage, retrieval, and disposal. The event record is to be utilized for quality assurance and continuing education purposes only.

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