

Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

The District recognizes that from time to time emergencies may arise that justify the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). The Board has purchased one or more of these units for use by qualified personnel. The Board approves the use of AED units under the following conditions:

- Establishing a program for the use of an AED that includes a written plan that must specify:
 - Where the AED will be placed;
 - The individuals who are authorized to operate the AED;
 - How AED use will be coordinated with an emergency medical service providing services in the area where the AED is located;
 - The medical supervision that will be provided;
 - The maintenance that will be performed on the AED;
 - Records that will be kept by the program;
 - Reports that will be made of AED use;
 - The name, location, and telephone number of a physician, or other individual designated by the physician, designated to provide medical supervision of the AED program; and
 - Other matters as specified by the Department of Public Health and Human Services;
- Adhering to the written plan required by subsection (1);
- Ensuring that before using the AED, an individual authorized to operate the AED receives
- appropriate training approved by the DPHHS in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the proper use of an AED;
- Maintaining, testing, and operating the AED according to the manufacturer's guidelines and maintaining written records of all maintenance and testing performed on the AED;
- Ensuring that the physician or other individual designated by the physician to supervise the AED program supervises the AED program to ensure compliance with the written plan, this part, and rules adopted by the District and reviews each case in which the AED is used;
- Each time an AED is used for an individual in cardiac arrest, requiring that an emergency medical service is summoned to provide assistance as soon as possible and that the AED use is reported to the supervising physician or the person designated by the physician and to the District as required by the written plan;
- Before allowing any use of an AED, providing the following to all licensed emergency services and any public safety answering point or emergency dispatch center providing services to the area where the AED is located:

An individual who provides emergency care or treatment by using an AED in compliance with this policy and an individual providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation to an individual upon whom an AED is or may be used are immune from civil liability for a personal injury that results from that care or treatment.

An individual who provides emergency care or treatment by using an AED in compliance with this policy and an individual providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation to an individual upon whom an AED is or may be used are immune from civil liability as a result of any act or failure to act in providing or arranging further medical treatment for the individual upon whom the AED was used, unless the individual using the AED or the person providing CPR, as applicable, acts with gross negligence or with willful or wanton disregard for the care of the person upon whom the AED is or may be used.

The following individuals or entities are immune from civil liability for any personal injury that results from an act or omission that does not amount to willful or wanton misconduct or gross negligence, if applicable provisions of this part have been met by the individual or entity:

- A person providing medical oversight of the AED program, as designated in the plan;
- The entity responsible for the AED program, as designated in the plan; or
- An individual providing training to others on the use of an AED.

Cross Reference: Administrative Procedures

Legal Reference:	Title 37, Chapter 104, subchapter 6, ARM – Automated External Defibrillators (AED)
§50-6-501, MCA	Definitions
§50-6-502, MCA	AED program – requirements for AED use
§50-6-503, MCA	Rulemaking
§50-6-505, MCA	Liability limitations

Policy History:

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