

# 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.

### II. POLICY

- A. A California-licensed Paramedic or currently-certified EMT 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, EMTs, 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.

### III. AED SERVICE PROVIDER APPROVAL:


- A. Public Safety AED Service Providers desiring to operate within Monterey County shall submit an application for approval to the Monterey County EMS Agency, or in the case of state or federal agencies, to the EMS Authority, prior to beginning service. The EMS Agency shall review the application and render a decision within sixty (60) days of receiving a complete application packet. 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. Conditions of approval for a Public Safety AED Service Provider to operate within Monterey County include the following:
  - 1. Submission of a completed application packet to the EMS Agency that includes identification of the Public Safety AED Service Provider's AED instructors;
  - 2. Written policies and procedures for orientation, training, and continued competency of AED-authorized personnel pertaining to the safe and proper use of the AED;

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3. Written policies and procedures to ensure appropriate AED equipment maintenance in accordance to manufacturer recommendations;
4. Written policies and procedures for collection and reporting of data from each clinical encounter involving AED utilization. Data shall be submitted via the Monterey County AED Utilization Reporting Form.
5. Maintenance of a current list of the Public Safety AED Service Provider's authorized personnel and AED instructors, to be provided to the EMS Agency and/or EMS Authority upon request.

**END OF POLICY**

  
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