

EMERGENCY CARE AND AED

Automated External Defibrillators (AED) can save lives. The research indicates that early defibrillation is a key to saving a cardiac arrest victim. Because of this, CESA #9 has agreed to support a Public Access Delivery (PAD) program in our building for emergency care use on a cardiac arrest victim.

The AED is to be used in an emergency setting on an unconscious cardiac arrest victim as evidenced by the absence of breathing and no pulse. The victim must be 8 years of age or older to receive electronic defibrillation with a public access device.

Furthermore, the Agency will abide by all of the certification requirements for emergent care and AED use as stated in Assembly Bill 239, Act 7, Section 1: 146:50(8g) and Section 2: 895.48(4).

Therefore in accordance with Section 146. 50 (8g),

"A person other than an emergency medical technician or a first responder-defibrillation may use a semiautomatic electronic defibrillator in rendering emergency care or treatment to an individual who appears to be in cardiac arrest if the person has received training in a course for which a physician serves as medical director and is approved by the department under par. D." (This references the Department of Health and Family Services).

Therefore in accordance with Section 2. 895.48 (4a),

"Any of the following who meets the applicable requirements of s. 146.50(8g) and who acts within the applicable limitation of s. 146.50 (8g) is immune from civil liability for the acts or omissions of a person in rendering in good faith emergency care by use of a semiautomatic defibrillator under s. 146.50(8g) to an individual who appears to be in a cardiac arrest:

1. The person who renders the care.
2. The physician specified in s.146.50 (8g) (b).
3. The person who provides the semiautomatic defibrillator for use, as specified in s.146.50 (8g) (c).
4. The provider of training as required under s. 146.50 (8g) (b)."

In accordance with the Nurse Practice Act and Standard G, a licensed physician will serve as the medical director and oversee all aspects of the emergent care and AED program. The CESA #9 registered nurse will serve as the CESA #9 AED Coordinator to ensure compliance with the statutes as outlined in Assembly Bill 239 Sections 1 and 2.

Reference: Emergency Care and AED Procedures
Rationale for Care and Management for Emergency Care and AED
Assembly Bill 239, Act 7, Section 1 and Section 2

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