

**SUBJECT: CARDIAC AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDs) IN
PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES**

The BOCES will provide and maintain on-site in each instructional school facility functional cardiac automated external defibrillator (AED) equipment as defined in Public Health Law Section 3000-b for use during emergencies. Each facility will have sufficient AED equipment available to ensure ready and appropriate access for use during emergencies in quantities and types as deemed by the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health. Determination of the quantity and placement of AEDs must be made with consideration of at least the factors described in Commissioner's regulations. An instructional school facility means a building or other facility maintained by the BOCES where instruction is provided to students in accordance with its curriculum.

Whenever an instructional school facility is used for a school-sponsored or school-approved curricular or extracurricular event or activity, and whenever a school-sponsored athletic contest is held at any location, the public school officials and administrators responsible for the school facility or athletic contest will ensure that AED equipment is provided on-site and that there is present during that event, activity, or contest at least one staff person who is trained in accordance with Public Health Law in the operation and use of an AED. School-sponsored or school-approved curricular or extracurricular events or activities mean events or activities of the BOCES that are, respectively, associated with its instructional curriculum or otherwise offered to its students. A school-sponsored athletic contest means an extraclass intramural athletic activity of instruction, practice, and competition for students in grades 4 through 12 consistent with Commissioner's regulations.

Where a school-sponsored competitive athletic event is held at a site other than a BOCES facility, BOCES officials will ensure that AED equipment is provided on-site by the sponsoring or host school district and that at least one staff person who is trained in the operation and use of the AED, in accordance with Public Health Law, is present during the athletic event. A school-sponsored competitive athletic event means an extraclass interscholastic athletic activity of instruction, practice, and competition for students in grades 7 through 12 consistent with Commissioner's regulations.

The BOCES will provide proper training requirements for BOCES AED users to ensure the immediate calling of 911 or the community equivalent ambulance dispatch entity whenever the AED is used, to ensure ready identification of the location of the AED units as set forth in the BOCES' Public Access Defibrillation Collaborative Agreement.

The BOCES will provide for regular maintenance and checkout procedures of the AED unit(s) which meet or exceed manufacturer's recommendations. Appropriate documentation will be maintained in accordance with law and/or regulation. Further, the BOCES will participate in the required Quality Improvement Program as determined by the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council.

The BOCES will post a sign or notice at the main entrance to the facility or building in which the AED unit(s) is stored, indicating the exact location where the unit(s) is stored or maintained on a regular basis.

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The BOCES or any employee or other agent of the BOCES who, in accordance with the provisions of law, voluntarily and without expectation of monetary compensation, renders emergency medical or first aid treatment using an AED to a person who is unconscious, ill, or injured, will not be liable for damages for injury or death unless caused by gross negligence.

Education Law Section 917
Public Health Law Sections 3000-a and 3000-b
8 NYCRR Sections 135.4 and 136.4

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