

POLICY #223: EMT AED SERVICE PROVIDER

APPROVAL

I. PURPOSE

- A. To establish criteria as defined by Title 22 of the California code of Regulations (CCR), for the approval, requirements and responsibilities of an emergency medical technician (EMT) automatic external defibrillation (AED) Service Provider in the County of San Luis Obispo (SLO).

II. SCOPE

- A. This policy applies to all agencies or organizations that employ individuals as EMTs for emergency medical services (EMS) and obtain AEDs for the purpose of providing AED services to the general public.
 - 1. Except for State or Federal Agencies, who are approved by the State.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. EMS Provider Agency: An agency or organization in SLO that is responsible for and approved to provide emergency medical care using certified/accredited EMTs and/or paramedics.

IV. POLICY

- A. An EMS Provider Agency must submit a written request to the County of SLO Emergency Medical Services Agency (SLOEMSA) to be approved as an EMT AED Service Provider.
- B. SLOEMSA will provide a written response to the request within twenty-one (21) days.
- C. An approved EMT AED Service Provider must provide an orientation of specific AED equipment to all EMTs upon hiring and prior to authorization for use on a patient.
- D. An approved EMT AED Service Provider must ensure initial and continued competence of AED authorized EMTs.
- E. EMTs who fail to meet and maintain AED competency will not be authorized to use an AED on a patient.
- F. An approved EMT AED Service Provider must ensure maintenance of AED equipment.

- G. An EMT AED Service Provider approval may be revoked or suspended for failure to maintain the requirements of this policy and CCR.
 - 1. Current CCR supersedes this policy.
- H. Patient care will be documented according to SLOEMSA Policy #124, Documentation of Prehospital Care, and include data required in section I for each occurrence.
- I. An approved EMT Service Provider will track and submit the following data annually or when requested by SLOEMSA:
 - 1. The total number of patients with sudden cardiac arrest receiving CPR prior to arrival of emergency medical care.
 - 2. The number of patients on whom shocks were administered, witnessed (seen or heard) and not witnessed.
 - 3. The number of these persons who suffered a witnessed cardiac arrest whose initial monitored rhythm was ventricular tachycardia or ventricular fibrillation.
- J. An EMT AED Service Provider approval does not expire.
 - 1. If approval is no longer wanted or required, the EMS Provider Agency must submit a written notification to SLOEMSA.
- K. Any costs incurred creating, implementing and maintaining an EMT AED Service Provider approval will be the sole responsibility of the EMS Provider Agency.
- L. An approved EMT AED Service Provider and its authorized EMTs will be recognized statewide.
- M. SLOEMSA's Medical Director must approve any exceptions to the requirements of this policy.

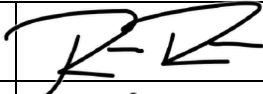
V. PROCEDURE

- A. EMS Provider Agencies seeking approval as an EMT AED Service Provider must submit a written request to SLOEMSA, and include:
 - 1. A statement that all employed EMTs either have been or will be oriented to the Agency's specific AED equipment prior to use on a patient.
 - 2. A statement ensuring continued competency of AED authorized EMTs.
 - 3. A statement ensuring continued maintenance of AED equipment.

VI. AUTHORITY

- Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Division 9

Approvals:

EMS Agency, Administrator	
EMS Agency, Medical Director	