

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
A Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Health

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I. POLICY

An Automated External Defibrillation (AED) Base Hospital shall be an acute care hospital which meets the standards of the State of California and local policy and procedures and which is approved by the Fresno/Kings/Madera EMS Agency to monitor and evaluate the performance of AED programs.

II. PROCEDURE

- A. An AED Base Hospital shall perform the following functions:
1. Review all prehospital care reports and data submitted from the AED Service Providers to audit and evaluate the care given for the purpose of continuous quality improvement (CQI).
 2. Assist in the initial training and orientation for new AED Service Providers.
 3. With assistance from the EMS Agency, provide for case review and oversight of skills proficiency for the first six-month period of a new provider's AED program. After the initial six-month period if approved by the Base Hospital Medical Director and the EMS Medical Director, the provider will become responsible for the provision of skills proficiency and continuing education in accordance with EMS Policy and Procedure.
 4. Prepare case reviews to be forwarded to the AED Service Providers for training.
 5. Designate an AED Medical Director.
 6. Designate a Prehospital Liaison Nurse.
- B. The AED Base Hospital shall maintain a permit for basic or comprehensive emergency services issued by the State of California.
- C. The AED Base Hospital must maintain an open admission policy of providing emergency and critical inpatient care to all regardless of ability to pay, race, color or creed until the patient's condition is stable.

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1. The AED Base Hospital shall work cooperatively with the other hospitals and the EMS Agency, including participation in the local Medical Control Committee and other local emergency medical services advisory committees.
 2. The AED Base Hospital Emergency Department shall be staffed at all times by physicians and nurses familiar with the EMS System, including the level of prehospital care capabilities, the location of other facilities, transport protocols, and local EMS policies and procedures.
 3. The AED Base Hospital Emergency Department shall be capable of providing the clinical portion of AED training and inservice continuing education for AED personnel if requested or identified through the continuous quality improvement program.
- D. The AED Base Hospital shall have a written agreement with the EMS Agency.