

COMMUNITY AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM

Sec. 50-101. - Title.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the "Community Automatic External Defibrillator Program Ordinance" for Collier County.

(Ord. No. 98-36, § 1)

Sec. 50-102. - Findings and purpose.

Pursuant to section 125.01(1)(e), Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County, Florida finds that it is empowered to provide ambulance and emergency medical services. Pursuant to article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Florida, the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County, Florida further finds it has the authority to exercise broad home rules powers and as such finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Collier County to enact this article.

It is the purpose of this article to create the Community Automatic External Defibrillator Program which will establish guidelines for use, training, data collection and data recovery requirements and procedures for Automatic External Defibrillators (hereinafter known as AEDs).

(Ord. No. 98-36, § 2)

Sec. 50-103. - Applicability.

Notwithstanding any provisions of any other county zoning or other ordinance to the contrary, this article shall apply to, and be enforced in, the incorporated as well as the unincorporated areas of the county.

Hospitals, as defined in section 395.002(12), Florida Statutes, are exempt from the provisions of this article.

(Ord. No. 98-36, § 3)

Sec. 50-104. - Requirements and procedures.

The following shall be the requirements and procedures for use, training, data collection and data recovery of the AED program:

(1) No AED shall be used in the incorporated or unincorporated area of Collier County without first complying with the requirements and procedures set forth in this section, except as hereinafter provided in subsection (10). It shall be the responsibility of the owner of the AED to ensure that only trained individuals operate, or have access to, the AED.

(2) The purchase of AED's will be done only after a written request is made to the Collier County Emergency Medical Services Department by the individual, organization or company requesting the purchase of an AED. The written request must contain the name, location, number of units, number of people to service and type and manufacturer of the AED.

(3) Upon receipt of the written request to purchase, the EMS department will coordinate a training class for the requesting party, and all intended users of the AED, on the proper operation of AEDs. Training will consist of a required class which will include:

- I. History of sudden death.
- II. Signs and symptoms of cardiac arrest.
- III. Adult cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.
- IV. Proper use, maintenance and periodic inspection of the AED.

(4) Upon proof of successful completion of the above required training, the Collier County EMS medical director will then issue a prescription for the purchase of an AED which has been approved, and authorized for purchase, by the Food and Drug Administration.

(5) Users of the AED will follow the policies and procedures developed and authorized by the Collier County Emergency Medical Services Department Medical Director. These policies and procedures will be provided to the individual, organization or company requesting the purchase of an AED upon the successful completion of the training required by this section.

(6) Re-certification of users and inspection of the AED will be done on bi-annual basis by the Collier County Emergency Medical Services Department.

(7) The Collier County Emergency Medical Services Department will conduct quality assurance testing after use of the AED. The quality assurance testing will be on the proper use, placement and maintenance of the AED. An additional use of such testing will be to gather statistical information on the benefits AED availability provides to the community.

(8) Any person who uses an AED is required to contact the EMS department as soon as reasonably possible upon use of the AED.

(9) Upon notification of the use of an AED, the EMS department will be responsible for the collection and recovery of data generated by the AED. The owner of the AED will not unreasonably withhold consent to the retrieval of such data or to any quality assurance testing. The manner in which data is recovered will be dictated by the capability of the particular AED unit, since the method of data collection differs depending upon the type of AED. All data, once recovered by the EMS department, will be stored at a centralized database to be located and operated by the Collier County EMS Department.

(10) In the event an individual not trained in the use of an AED is the only person available to operate the AED, and emergency medical services has been activated, an AED-emergency medical dispatch certified 911 operator shall be authorized to instruct that individual on the proper operation and use of the AED. All other provisions of this section which are not inconsistent with subsection (10) remain in full force and effect.

(Ord. No. 98-36, § 4; Ord. No. 99-43, § 1, 6-8-99; Ord. No. 03-22, § 1, 5-13-03)
