Automatic External Defibrillators

Policy Information

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AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM

The Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) program provides an opportunity for trained responders at participating Bourne Public Schools to deliver early defibrillation to victims of cardiac arrest. Use of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) is intended to maximize the chance of survival based upon the steps taken during the critical minutes before Emergency Medical Service Providers (EMS) arrive and assume responsibility for care of the patient.

Scope:
The Bourne Public Schools Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) program has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), Title XVI, Chapter 112: Section 12V, 12VÂ½ of the General Laws.

Purpose:
The purpose of this policy is to establish and formalize the standard operating guidelines that are required by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for a School-Based Automatic External Defibrillator Program. All targeted responders in the Bourne Public School-Based Automatic External Defibrillator Program are required to have current documentation of successful completion of a course in basic life support that includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of AED's according to standards and guidelines of the American Heart Association.

System Organization:
The policy identifies the School Physician as our AED Medical Director. The Medical Director will oversee all medical aspects of the AED program in coordination with the Bourne Fire Department. The Bourne Fire Department will ensure proper skills, training, and maintenance for targeted responders in the Bourne Public Schools. The Bourne Fire Department liaison will establish and review procedures for AED use. The Bourne Fire Department will assist in quality review and improvement programs, including post-drill and post-incident debriefing.

The AED Program Coordinator is an employee of the Bourne Public School System. The Program Coordinator acts as primary liaison among the AED program participants. The Program Coordinator will coordinate and document initial AED training and annual refresher and biennial retraining. The Program Coordinator will coordinate any additional training on an ad-hoc basis to certain designated Bourne Public School personnel.