

THE USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

The Cohasset School Committee recognizes that cardiac emergencies may arise that justify the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). To this end, the district shall provide and maintain AED equipment for use by qualified personnel.

The School Committee shall designate the South Shore Hospital to serve as an Emergency Health Care Provider to monitor the program and ensure that all designated responders are properly trained and that AEDs are properly maintained. The Head Nurse for the district and the Emergency Health Care Provider shall develop a written collaborative agreement which contains all the provisions for administration and use of this equipment including training requirements, location of AED units, the maintenance and inspection of AEDs, the identification of local emergency response providers and assurances that 911 will be called immediately for emergency assistance.

Employees of the Cohasset Public Schools will be authorized to utilize an AED only after successfully completing initial and recurrent training courses approved by the American Heart Association for AEDs and CPR. Requirements for the frequency of recurrent training will be as specified by the issuing organization of the individual employee's certification. Acceptable certification will consist of completion of an American Heart Association "Heartsaver AED" course and CPR course.

The Cohasset Public Schools will provide American Heart Association "Heartsaver AED" training for employees deemed to require such training by the School Nurse. Employees who are certified will be designated as authorized users after a review of their credentials and approval by the Head Nurse. An AED will be issued to schools in the District as designated by the Head Nurse of the district and will be kept with other resuscitation equipment in a location within the school as designated by the Head Nurse. The Head Nurse may specify that an authorized user may bring the AED, together with other resuscitation equipment, to other areas of the school or its grounds for the purpose of standing by at specific events or activities, or may authorized the temporary relocation of the AED together with other resuscitation equipment for specified periods of time. A communication mechanism will be established for the purpose of notifying authorized users within each building of the relocation of the AED from its place of usual storage.

The South Shore Hospital will be advised of all uses of an AED by employees of the District as soon as practical after each use. The data from the AED will be reviewed by the Program Medical Director, who will identify any areas related to that use that require remediation and will recommend a plan of corrective action if needed.

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