

**PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]**

**Adopted and Filed**

**Rulemaking related to automated external defibrillator maintenance**

The Department of Health and Human Services hereby rescinds Chapter 143, “Automated External Defibrillator Maintenance,” Iowa Administrative Code, and adopts a new chapter with the same title.

*Legal Authority for Rulemaking*

This rulemaking is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 613.17.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 613.17.

*Purpose and Summary*

This rulemaking is a result of Executive Order 10. These rules set the standards under which a person or entity that owns, manages, or is otherwise responsible for the premises on which an automated external defibrillator is located, who in good faith renders emergency care or assistance without compensation, shall not be liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions occurring at the place of an emergency or accident or while the person is in transit to or from the emergency or accident or while the person is at or being moved to or from an emergency shelter unless such acts or omissions constitute recklessness or willful and wanton misconduct, if the person or entity maintains the automated external defibrillator in a condition for immediate and effective use at all times.

*Public Comment and Changes to Rulemaking*

Notice of Intended Action for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on December 25, 2024, as **ARC 8457C**. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- January 15, 2025
- January 21, 2025

No one attended the public hearings. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

*Adoption of Rulemaking*

This rulemaking was adopted by the Department on March 14, 2025.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 441—Chapter 6.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any

individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

*Effective Date*

This rulemaking will become effective on June 1, 2025.

The following rulemaking action is adopted:

ITEM 1. Rescind 641—Chapter 143 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 143  
AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR MAINTENANCE

**641—143.1(613) Definition.** For the purposes of these rules, the following definition applies:

*“Automated external defibrillator”* or *“AED”* means an external semiautomatic device that determines whether defibrillation is required.

**641—143.2(613) AED maintenance.** The person or entity maintaining the AED shall:

**143.2(1)** Ensure that the AED is maintained and inspected in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines.

**143.2(2)** Ensure that the AED is programmed to conform to nationally accepted guidelines for treatment of cardiac arrest patients.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 613.17.

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