

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 135.26 and 613.17(2b), the Department of Public Health hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 143, “Automated External Defibrillator Program,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The rules in Chapter 143 describe the automated external defibrillator (AED) grant program, which provides funds for eligible organizations seeking to implement an early defibrillator program and the standards for maintenance of an AED device in accordance with Iowa Code section 613.17(2b). These proposed amendments provide authorization for local fire departments with AEDs to respond to cardiac arrest events in their communities.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendments on or before December 7, 2010. Such written comments should be directed to Kirk Schmitt, Bureau of EMS, Department of Public Health, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. E-mail may be sent to kschmitt@idph.state.ia.us.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 135 and 613.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Reserve rules **641—143.13** to **641—143.15**.

ITEM 2. Insert the following **new** heading before rule 641—143.16(147A):

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE WITH AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

ITEM 3. Adopt the following **new** rules 641—143.16(147A) to 641—143.18(147A):

641—143.16(147A) Purpose. The purpose of these rules is to allow a local fire department that is not authorized as an EMS service and that has an AED to respond to cardiac arrest events in the department’s community. These rules are intended to enhance and supplement the local EMS system with nontraditional early defibrillation programs.

641—143.17(147A) Definitions. For the purpose of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

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

“CPR” means training and successful course completion in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, AED and obstructed airway procedures for all age groups according to recognized national standards.

“Emergency medical care provider” means an individual who has been trained to provide emergency and nonemergency medical care at the first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-intermediate, EMT-paramedic, paramedic specialist or other certification levels recognized by the department before 1984 and who has been issued a certificate by the department.

“Local fire department” means a paid, volunteer, or combination fire protection service provided by a benefited fire district under Iowa Code chapter 357B or by a county, municipality or township or a private corporate organization that has a valid contract to provide fire protection service for a benefited fire district, county, municipality, township or governmental agency. “Local fire department” does not include a military or private industrial fire department or an authorized Iowa EMS service.

“Service program” or “service” means any medical care ambulance service or nontransport service that has received authorization by the department.

641—143.18(147A) Local fire department AED service registration. A local fire department that desires to allow its firefighters to use an AED may register with the department to provide AED coverage.

143.18(1) Training requirements. Local fire department personnel wishing to provide AED coverage shall have current course completion in CPR.

143.18(2) Local fire department AED service—registration, guidelines, and standards. A local fire department may register with the department to provide AED coverage. Local fire departments seeking registration with the department shall:

a. Complete the department’s AED service registration form initially and every five years thereafter.

b. Provide an AED liaison to be responsible for supervision of the AED service.

c. Ensure that the AED is maintained and inspected in accordance with rule 641—143.12(135).

d. Maintain records of all maintenance and inspections of the AED for the usable life of the device.

e. Ensure that the fire department’s AED providers maintain AED and CPR skill competency.

f. Identify which authorized Iowa ambulance service program(s) will provide patient transportation.

g. Ensure that emergency medical care is limited to CPR and AED.

143.18(3) Complaints and investigations. Complaints and investigations shall be conducted as with any complaint received against an EMS service program by applying rule 641—132.10(147A).

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