

CHAPTER 143
AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR GRANT PROGRAM

641—143.1(135) Purpose. An automated external defibrillator grant program is established to provide matching funds to eligible organizations that are seeking to implement an early defibrillation program. The objective of the grant program is to enhance and supplement the emergency response system in rural areas of the state by providing increased access to automated external defibrillator equipment by rural emergency and community personnel.

641—143.2(135) Definitions. For the purposes of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

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

“*Community organization*” means an educational institution, nonprofit organization, social service agency, philanthropic organization, or business, trade, or professional association.

“*CPR*” means cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of public health.

“*Early defibrillation program*” means a program established by the applicant to enhance and supplement the local EMS system.

“*EMS*” means emergency medical services.

“*Local board of health*” means a county, city, or district board of health.

“*Rural*” means a geographic area outside an urban or suburban setting with a population of less than 15,000 persons.

641—143.3(135) Application process. To be eligible for an automated external defibrillator program grant, a local board of health, community organization or city shall:

143.3(1) Properly complete and submit the department’s AED grant program application, which shall require an applicant to:

- a. Demonstrate the ability to provide matching funds of 50 percent of the cost of the program;
- b. Designate an individual who shall be responsible for the overall supervision of the early defibrillation program; and
- c. Include a plan for increasing rural emergency or community personnel access to automated external defibrillator equipment; and

143.3(2) Notify local EMS service programs of the intent to establish an early defibrillation program.

641—143.4(135) Early defibrillation program. A local board of health, community organization or city that receives an automated external defibrillator program grant shall:

143.4(1) Adopt and implement a policy that ensures establishment of an emergency plan of action; AED maintenance; personnel competency in the use of an AED and CPR; and a method for postevent analysis and staff debriefing.

143.4(2) Designate an individual who shall be responsible for the overall supervision of the early defibrillation program.

143.4(3) Submit an annual report to the department indicating the number of AED uses, patient outcomes and number of individuals trained.

143.4(4) Comply with the terms and conditions of the contract with the department for implementation of the program.

641—143.5(135) Review process. The department shall establish a request for proposal and application process for eligible organizations to apply for an automated external defibrillator program grant. The department shall establish a process to review applications, which shall include receiving input from a review committee. The review process and review criteria shall be described in the request for proposals.

641—143.6(135) Appeals. An applicant may appeal the denial of a properly submitted grant application. Appeals shall be governed by 641—176.8(135,17A).

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