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Attention Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Programs

Recent amendments to NYS Public Health Law may impact on your organization's continued compliance with PAD regulations.

NYS Public Health Law requires buildings and facilities to maintain signs at entrances to clearly indicate the location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED). This provision has been added to assist rescue personnel in locating an AED during a cardiac emergency.

The language excerpted from the Bill is as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 3000-b of the public health law is amended by adding a new paragraph (f) to read as follows: (F) the public access defibrillation provider shall post a sign or notice at the main entrance to the facility or building in which the automated external defibrillator is stored, indicating the location where any such automated external defibrillator is stored or maintained in such building or facility on a regular basis.

This legislative provision applies to all PAD Programs regardless of type (i.e., private office, apartment/multiple dwelling, medical office, nursing home, municipal building, public/private school, religious facility, non-for-profit, etc.) If your organization/agency has an AED and PAD Program, you must provide signage to direct rescuers to the location of your AEDs.

For your convenience, attached is a copy of Assembly Bill 1044 – A. Bill 1044 can also be found at <http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A01044>. The NYS Department of Health is in the process of updating the department's PAD Policy Statement. This policy can be found at <http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/ems/policy/06-03.htm>.

NOTE: PAD APPLICATIONS AND RENEWALS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED IN HARD COPY. To submit new or renewal PAD applications, go to the Regional EMS Council of NYC website at www.nycremsco.org and click on 'Public Access Defibrillation'. If you have never used the site, you must register as a new user. Once this is done, you can input your organizational information and AED location information. This site also accepts AED Post-Usage Reports so that QA can be done online.

Please call if you have any problems using this easy on-line system.

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