

OPERATIONAL SERVICES

Use of Automated External Defibrillation

An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) will be available to faculty, staff, and students in case of a sudden cardiac arrest. The District will establish an AED Program in accordance with the standards established by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (Department). The District will comply with all other requirements for AED implementation set forth by the Department.

As part of the AED program, the District will identify and train AED providers. All AED-certified staff must maintain current certification. Use of the AED will be in accordance with § 50-6-505, MCA and subject to the following conditions:

1. Provide written notice of where the AED is placed (or to be placed) to the emergency medical service providing services in the area;
2. Maintain, test, and operate the AED according to the manufacturer's guidelines and maintain written records of all maintenance and testing performed on the AED; and
3. Each time an AED is used for an individual in cardiac arrest, require that an emergency medical service is summoned to provide assistance as soon as possible

The District retains the discretion to use reasonable care and judgment in determining the location and number of AED units that may be available at building sites.

*Liability Limitations*

An individual who provides emergency care or treatment by using an AED in compliance with this policy and an individual providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation to an individual upon whom an AED is or may be used are immune from civil liability for a personal injury that results from that care or treatment.

An individual who provides emergency care or treatment by using an AED in compliance with this policy and an individual providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation to an individual upon whom an AED is or may be used are immune from civil liability as a result of any act or failure to act in providing or arranging further medical treatment for the individual upon whom the AED was used, unless the individual using the AED or the person providing CPR, as applicable, acts with gross negligence or with willful or wanton disregard for the care of the person upon whom the AED is or may be used.

Legal References: § 50-6-501, MCA  
§ 50-6-502, MCA  
  
§ 50-6-503, MCA  
§ 50-6-505, MCA  
37.104.601, ARM, et.al.

Definitions  
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