PUBLIC SAFETY EARLY DEFIBRILLATION

PROVIDER APPROVAL

I. POLICY

Any and all areas within Marin County wishing to provide Public Safety Early Defibrillation services must comply with the following requirements.

II. PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING PROVIDER PROGRAM APPROVAL

A. Submit request for approval to provide Public Safety Early Defibrillation services to the EMS Agency. Request shall include the following:

1. Description of geographic area to be served.
2. Letter of consent/agreement from Defibrillation Medical Director to provide direction, supervision, and medical control in accordance with related Marin County policies and procedures.
3. Statement of agreement to follow all Marin County policies/procedures pertinent to the performance of Public Safety Early Defibrillation services.
4. Outline of planned public awareness program to be utilized within the service area.
5. Statement of intent to utilize a Marin County approved training program in compliance with standards defined in the California Administrative Code, Division 9, Chapter 2 which shall include the following:
   a. Final written and skills examination.
   b. Provision for skills verification every three (3) months.
   c. Refresher program at intervals deemed appropriate by Defibrillation Medical Director.
6. Type of automated defibrillator to be utilized within the service area
   a. Must assess rhythm and perform defibrillation through adhesive monitor/defibrillation pads.
   b. Must provide computerized read-out of rhythms, times of intervention(s) and a recording of cardiac rhythm.

B. On receipt of application, EMS Agency shall approve the program in the following manner:
1. Notify requesting agency within seven (7) working days of need for additional or missing information.

2. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of complete application, notify requesting agency, in writing of approval or disapproval of request.

3. Approval of program shall be for one (1) year, renewable annually following verification of provider compliance with Marin County policies/procedures.

III. PROVIDER DISAPPROVAL

A. Individual

1. Defibrillation Medical Director may rescind permission of an individual to perform defibrillation if, in his/her judgment, the individual fails to demonstrate competency in the skill of defibrillation.

2. If decision to suspend or rescind approval for individual services is made by the Defibrillation Medical Director, the EMS agency Medical Director may review and sustain or over-rule the decision.

3. Individual may be reinstated upon demonstration of skill proficiency to satisfaction of Defibrillation Medical Director.

B. Program

1. Program approval may be suspended, in accordance with Marin County policies and procedures, by the following persons:
   a. Medical Director of the EMS Program.
   b. Defibrillation Medical Director

2. If the decision to suspend or rescind approval for a program is made by the Defibrillation Medical Director, EMS Medical Director may review and sustain or over-rule decision.
   a. Review of action by EMS Medical Director shall be done when requested by agency losing program approval.
   b. Decision of EMS Medical Director following review shall be considered final.