

SECTION 3000-B. AUTOMATED DEFIBRILLATORS: PUBLIC ACCESS PROVIDERS

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

A) "**Automated external defibrillator**" means a medical device, approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, that: (I) is capable of recognizing the presence or absence, in a patient, of ventricular fibrillation and rapid ventricular tachycardia; (II) is capable of determining, without intervention by an operator, whether defibrillation should be performed on the patient; (III) upon determining that defibrillation should be performed, automatically charges and requests delivery of an electrical impulse to the patient's heart; and (IV) then, upon action by an operator, delivers an appropriate electrical impulse to the patient's heart to perform defibrillation.

B) "**Emergency Health Care Provider**" means: (I) a physician with knowledge and experience in the delivery of emergency cardiac care; or (II) a hospital licensed under article twenty-eight of this chapter that provides emergency cardiac care.

C) "**Public access defibrillation provider**" means a person, firm, organization or other entity possessing or operating an automated external defibrillator pursuant to a collaborative agreement under this section.

D) "**Nationally-recognized organization**" means a national organization approved by the department for the purpose of training people in use of an automated external defibrillator.

2. **Collaborative agreement.** A person, firm, organization or other entity may purchase, acquire, possess and operate an automated external defibrillator pursuant to a collaborative agreement with an emergency health care provider. The collaborative agreement shall include a written agreement that incorporates written practice protocols, and policies and procedures that shall assure compliance with this section. The public access defibrillation provider shall file a copy of the collaborative agreement with the department and with the appropriate regional council prior to operating the automated external defibrillator.