DELAWARE EARLY DEFIBRILLATION PROGRAM

The Milford School District is a participant in the Delaware Early Defibrillation Program. This program is intended to provide an additional treatment response to ventricular fibrillation. The method of treatment is defibrillation through the use of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) which are designed to defibrillate a person who is found in ventricular fibrillation. AEDs are only to be applied to victims who are unconscious, not breathing normally and showing no signs of circulation, such as normal breathing, coughing, and movement. The AED will analyze the heart rhythm and advise the operator if a shockable rhythm is detected. If a shockable rhythm is detected, the AED will charge to the appropriate energy level and advise the operator to deliver a shock.

1) At least one AED shall be placed in each of the district’s public schools. The Milford Middle School shall be equipped with two (2) units, and the Milford High School shall be equipped with three (3) units, one of which shall be a mobile unit for use at athletic events.

2) Each school shall form an emergency response team that will consist of at least seven (7) staff members. Representation on this team shall consist of at least one administrator, one nurse, and one custodian. The school emergency response team shall be responsible for determining the location(s) of the AED and the manner in which emergencies will be managed. All members of the emergency response team shall receive approved training in the use of the AED within three (3) months of becoming a member of the team, and shall receive refresher training in accordance with certification requirements. The emergency response team shall also assume the responsibility for periodic monitoring and maintenance of the AED unit(s).

3) The district acknowledges that anyone can, at their discretion, provide voluntary assistance to victims of medical emergencies. The extent to which these individuals respond shall be appropriate to their training and experience. These responders are encouraged to contribute to emergency response only to the extent that they are comfortable. The emergency response of these individuals may include CPR, AED, or medical first aid. Title 16, Section 3005C(a) of the Delaware Code states “Any person or entity, who in good faith and without compensation renders emergency care or treatment by the use of an AED shall be immune from civil liability for any personal injury as a result of such care or treatment, or as a result of any act or failure to act in providing or arranging further medical treatment, if such person acts as an ordinary, reasonably prudent person would have acted under the same or similar circumstances and such act or acts do not amount to willful or wanton misconduct or gross negligence.”

4) Whenever an AED is used (placed on a patient and the unit turned on) a copy of the AED report must be delivered to the hospital within 10 hours of the event. A copy of the report must also be submitted to the State Office of Emergency Medical Services within 72 hours. After every incident involving the use of an AED a thorough post-event review of system performance will be conducted by the school emergency response team.

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