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**PUBLIC SAFETY DEFIBRILLATION AUTHORIZATION (# 3201)**

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**Authority: Title 22, Chapter 1.5.** *Note: EMT AED requirements can be found in Title 22, Chapter 2.*

- 1. Initial Authorization:** An individual shall be eligible for defibrillation authorization once documentation of the following requirements are submitted to the EMS Agency:
  - 1.1 Current certification in Public Safety First aid or first responder training.
  - 1.2 Successful completion of a defibrillation-training program that meets the standards for public safety personnel, as specified in Title 22, Chapter 1.5.
  - 1.2 Be employed by a department or agency authorized by the EMS District to perform defibrillation.
  - 1.3 Submit a completed application to the EMS office.
    - A copy of the current verification of training specified in 1.2 above or an official department/agency roster must be attached to the application.
    - If a roster is utilized, the roster must include: the name of the department/agency, an authorization or certification number (if applicable), expiration date and signature of the department/agency EMS coordinator.
  
- 2. Defibrillation Authorization**
  - 2.1 Authorization is continuous if the following requirements are maintained and documented once, every year:
    - 2.1.1 Public Safety or First Responder certification
    - 2.1.2 Regular attendance at periodic skills demonstration sessions. An actual call may substitute for a skills demonstration session if all of the following exist:
      - ✓ The call occurred during the interval;
      - ✓ The individual was the primary defibrillation technician;
      - ✓ The patient had a shockable rhythm;
      - ✓ The patient was defibrillated; and
      - ✓ There were no issues identified by the defibrillation base hospitals.
  - 2.2 Failure to meet the criteria listed above shall result in suspension of the defibrillation authorization.
  
- 3. Reactivation of a suspended authorization** - In order to reactivate a suspended authorization, an individual must successfully complete the following *prior to operating the defibrillator*.
  - 3.1 **Expired Public Safety or First Responder certification:** Complete, at a minimum, a public safety first aid training program (authorization as a First Responder exceeds this requirement).
  - 3.2 **Missed skills demonstration sessions:** Complete an approved skills demonstration session.
  
- 4. Out-of-County Authorization:** An individual who is authorized to perform defibrillation from another county or state may be eligible of authorization in Alameda County once documentation of the of the following requirements are submitted to the EMS Agency:
  - 4.1 Current Public Safety First Aid, or First Responder certification.
  - 4.2 Successful completion of an approved semi-automatic defibrillation training course and regular attendance at periodic skills demonstration sessions according to Title 22.
  - 4.3 Successful completion an approved Alameda County public safety defibrillation orientation and skills demonstration session