

**Danbury Hospital
EMS Community Outreach Program**

Public Access Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Deployment Initiative

Through a generous donation by the *2010 Danbury Hospital/Danbury Office of Physician Services Family Campaign*, 70 AEDs will be available at no cost to eligible organizations.

The initiative seeks to improve the chance of survival of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) victims. Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is a leading cause of death, often striking victims with little warning. It has been shown that with rapid initiation of bystander CPR, and with early use of an Automated External Defibrillator, lives can be saved that would otherwise likely be lost.

Who Is Eligible

The goal of the donation program is to provide AEDs to organizations where the need is greatest, and where the most people will benefit. Although the initiative is open to all, except for physicians and other health care providers, preference is given to organizations that meet one or more of the following:

Organization Types:

- Charitable/Non-profit organizations
- Schools
- Communities/Government

Location Characteristics:

- Public meeting/gathering spaces
- At-risk patient populations
- Athletics/Recreation Facilities

Recipient Responsibilities

AEDs are most effective when they are properly maintained, are used by individuals trained in CPR and AED use, and when a plan is in place to recognize a cardiac arrest emergency and bring the AED to the side of a victim quickly.

If you receive a free AED in conjunction with this program, you are required to*:

1. Maintain the AED according to the manufacturer's recommendations
2. Provide CPR/AED training to some of your staff
3. Keep the AED in a highly visible and accessible location

*This is a summary of your responsibilities. Please refer to the Application & Agreement for complete terms.

AED Package

Approved applicants will receive:

- Philips HeartStart FRx Defibrillator
- Portable carry case
- Spare pads
- CPR/AED prep kit
- Infant/child key
- Alarmed wall cabinet
- AED wall sign.

Detailed information about the Philips HeartStart FRx Defibrillator can be viewed online at:
www.philips.com/frx

How to Apply

Please complete the Application & Agreement enclosed with this information packet.

Applications for AEDs will be accepted starting:

September 16, 2010

Application must be received by:

October 14, 2010

What type of training will we need to have, and what will it cost?

Organizations must agree to have at least one individual trained in CPR & AED reasonably available during normal operating hours. Training is done at your own expense, generally must be renewed every 1 – 2 years, and must follow accepted standards. Approved training is available in conjunction with this program at a discounted rate. Contact us for further details.

What does it cost to maintain an AED?

Generally speaking, AED pads should be replaced as they expire (2 years), and batteries should be replaced when depleted (4 years). Although the cost will vary each year, and prices can change over time, the *average* cost of routine supply replacement is less than \$100 per year, per AED.

Can we apply for more than one AED?

Yes. If you feel your organization requires more than one AED, describe this in your application.

Do we have a choice of different AED models?

No. The Philips HeartStart FRx AED has been selected for use in this program. This model has been selected as it is a versatile, easy-to-use, and reliable defibrillator. With the included accessories, it should meet the needs of almost any public-access AED program.

Can we get sued for having an AED?

Anyone can be sued. However, generally speaking, most organizations that acquire AEDs for use in public-access defibrillation programs without charge are afforded liability protection by the Connecticut "good Samaritan" law. If you have questions, please contact your own legal counsel. The full law can be viewed online here:

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2009/ACT/PA/2009PA-00059-R00SB-01089-PA.htm>

We have additional questions, who can we contact?

Program is administered with the Assistance of Emergency Medical Group (EMG). They can be contacted at:

Emergency Medical Group

Attn: Kara A. Schiff, M.P.H.

25 Van Zant Street, Norwalk, CT 06855

Tel. 203-855-1300 x.84 Fax: 203-855-0303

E-mail kschiff@emedgroup.com

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Organization Name	
Street Address	
City/State/ZIP	
Website	
Contact Person	
Contact Position/Title	
Telephone	
E-Mail	
Type of Organization	Non-profit Gov't School/educational facility Other: _____
Briefly describe your organization:	
How many floors does your building have?	
What is the estimate foot traffic in your building on a given day? (number of people)	
What types of activities are they participating in?	
Where do you plan to place AEDs?	
How many AEDs are you requesting?	

Which people will be trained in CPR/AED?

Please provide complete contact information for the person responsible for maintaining the AED(s)?

Name:

Phone:

Agreement

If this application is approved, The Danbury Hospital EMS Outreach Program will provide you with one or more automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for use at the locations indicated in your application, and for use in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest. The AED(s) are a gift, but you agree to comply with the following terms at your expense:

1. The AED(s) will be kept in a visible and readily accessible location.
2. At least one person will be on the premises during normal operating hours who is trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and AED use in accordance with the standards set forth by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.
3. The AED(s) will be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines

Signature – Must be signed by CEO or a person legally authorized to sign agreements.

The information submitted in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have read the Agreement above and agree to the terms written. I have the authority to enter into this agreement on behalf of the organization named.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Title

Submission Instructions

The Danbury Hospital EMS Outreach Program, AED Deployment Program is administered with the Assistance of Emergency Medical Group, LLC.

Please send application to:

Matthew Cassavechia
Director of Emergency Medical Services
Danbury Hospital
24 Hospital Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810