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CAMP OPERATOR LETTER FOR AED GUIDANCE

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Dear Children's Camp Operator:

[Section 3000-F](#) of Public Health Law (PHL) requires all regulated children's camps to provide an automated external defibrillator (AED) or describe reasonable access to an AED. Additionally, the legislation requires each camp to:

- Have one or more staff possessing an acceptable certificate of training in the operation and use of an AED approved by a nationally-recognized organization or the state emergency medical services council; and
- Have an implementation plan which identifies the location and/or availability of the AED and includes an equipment checklist and protocols for the use of the AED during cardiac emergencies. The AED plan template has been included in this mailing.

The effective date of the legislation is May 21, 2024. The New York State Department of Health has prepared the attached guidance document and supplemental Safety Plan template for AEDs to assist camps with implementation of these new requirements.

If you have any questions regarding AED requirements for camps, please contact Laura Bell at this office at 845-340-3028 or lbel@co.ulster.ny.us. Questions regarding establishing a Public Access Defibrillation program should be directed to your Regional Emergency Medical Services Council (REMSCO). Please refer to <https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/ems/regional.htm> for a list of REMSCOs and contact information. The attached AED plans can be mailed/faxed or emailed to Laura Bell once completed.

Sincerely,

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