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**SUBJECT:** Ambulance Licensure Requirements:  
Defibrillator Requirement Change

**TO:** Regional EMS Councils

THRU: Director  
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Monophasic and biphasic monitor defibrillators have both been determined by the Commonwealth EMS Medical Director and the Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) to meet the equipment requirement for ambulance service licensure. The requirement in the Overview of Pennsylvania Department of Health Ambulance Service Licensure Program (Manual) should be corrected to reflect the change.

Attached is page 27 of the manual that reflects the change made to #58 of the equipment requirements for licensure. The date that the change was made, March 18, 2003, can be found at the bottom of the page. Please substitute the new page in all copies of the manual that you have in your possession and notify all ambulance services within your region of this change. I have also included an updated change page to replace the existing change page at the beginning of the manual.

Attachments

cc: Pennsylvania EHS Council

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EQUIPMENT/ SUPPLIES	Ambulance Type			
	BLS	ALS MOBILE CARE	ALS SQUAD	AIR
58. Medication and Supplies: Emergency Drugs - (per regional protocols and within state rules & regulations and within exp. date) Nebulizer System Hypodermic needles: 16-18 gauge (4) 20-22 gauge (4) 23-25 gauge (4) Total of 12 and each must be individually wrapped and sterile. Syringes-per regional protocol		X	X	X
59. Defibrillator/Monitor: (FDA approved) (battery powered, monophasic or biphasic, energy dose range capable of treating adult and pediatric patients, paper readout), ECG cables with 3 lead capability and pediatric and adult paddles with pacing capabilities or separate stand-alone pacer.		X	X	X
60. Defibrillator/Monitor Supplies: paddle pads (4) or electric gel (2 tubes), electrodes, (ECG, adult and pediatric sizes 6 each)		X	X	X
61. Automated External Defibrillator (for authorized BLS services)	X			
62. Stylette, Malleable-pediatric (2)/adult (1). Must be sterile.		X	X	X
63. Cricothyrotomy Set (Surgical or Needle) Must be sterile.				X
64. Phlebotomy Equipment		X	X	
65. Flutter valve (1) Must be sterile.				X

**All equipment must be clean and functional and no supply may be carried beyond an expiration date assigned to it.**

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