



EMS Information Bulletin- #26

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SUBJECT: AED Mode Use on ALS Monitor/Defibrillator Devices

TO: ALS Ambulance Services

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Use of ALS monitor defibrillators that have an AED mode is permissible on BLS ambulances operated by ALS services if the following criteria are met:

1. The monitor **MUST** default to AED mode when turned on by BLS personnel.
2. BLS personnel are **NOT** permitted to bypass the AED mode under any circumstance.
3. BLS personnel **ARE NOT AUTHORIZED** to use these monitors if they turn on in an ALS default mode and cannot be reprogrammed to default to an AED mode.
4. Confirmation of default mode at start up will need to be ensured initially by the regional EMS council and confirmed during subsequent licensure inspections.
5. ALS services must ensure compliance with minimum staffing requirements outlined in 28 Pa. Code § 1005.10 (d).

Questions regarding this information bulletin should be directed to rgaumer@state.pa.us or to the licensure coordinator of the regional EMS council serving your area.