

Memorandum

To: Chief Officers of All Agencies Receiving Medical Direction

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Re: Lower Age Limit for AED Defibrillation of Pediatric Patients in Cardiac
Arrest

There has been some confusion regarding the lower age limit for application of the automated external defibrillator (AED). **Please be advised the REMAC has decided that an automated external defibrillator (AED) should be applied to all patients age 9 and over who have no spontaneous pulse or respirations (i.e., are in cardiac arrest) under standing order.** On-line medical control must be contacted for an order to defibrillate any patient less than 9 years of age.

Please disseminate this information to all of your providers who are certified to practice this skill. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.