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TO ALCOAST COMDT NOTICE

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SUBJ: AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) USE IN THE COAST GUARD

A. Emergency Medical Services Manual, COMDTINST M16135.4 (series)

B. Health Services Allowance List, AFLOAT, COMDTINST M6700.6 (series)

C. Coast Guard Air Operations Manual, COMDTINST M3710.1 (series)

D. Operational Logistics Support Plan (OLSP) For Port Security Units (PSU), COMDTINST M4081.8 (series)

E. Rescue and Survival Systems Manual, COMDTINST M10470.10 (series)

F. Fire Safety, Prevention and Emergency Response Services Manual, COMDTINST M11320.1 (series)

G. Diving Program Manual, COMDTINST M3150.1 (series)

H. Guidelines for Public Access Defibrillation Programs in Federal Facilities, 74 Fed. Reg. 41133 (14 Aug 09) (Notice)

I. CG AED Program, HSWLSCTD 2018-015

J. Health Services Allowance List, AFLOAT, HSWLSCTD 2019-002.

1. This ACN updates AED policy while REF (A) is being revised. As outlined in REFs (B) through (J), specific Coast Guard entities such as fire houses, PSUs, cutters with assigned Independent Duty Health Services Technicians, Air Stations, and diving units are authorized to carry and use AEDs.

a. Non-aviation CG units using AEDs as outlined in REFs (B), (D) through (G) are authorized to use any AED approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

b. Per REF (C) CG Air Stations are permitted to carry and use AEDs as long as they use internal batteries as the sole power supply and are non-transmitting. The Pilot-in-Command is authorized to make the determination.

2. All units not included within paragraph one that want to implement AED programs, including use in operational situations (e.g. boat operations, Search and Rescue (SAR) missions, etc.), can do so, but only after coordinating with Health, Safety and Work-Life Service Center Operational Medicine Division, to ensure their AED programs comply as applicable with REFs (I) and (J).

3. Units that are not covered by REFs (B) through (J) or do not have an approved AED program must either establish one as indicated in paragraph two or cease the use and carriage of AEDs. Any policies not addressed specifically in this ACN remain unchanged.

4. REF (A) will be updated to reflect these changes and will be released within the next year.

5. This message will be cancelled on 11 FEB 2022.

6. POC: CAPT Shane C. Steiner, Assistant Chief Medical Officer,

2/11/2021

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7. Released by RADM Dana Thomas, Director, Health, Safety and Work-Life (CG-11).

8. Internet release is authorized.