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An Act Requiring Assisted Living Facilities To Provide Automated External Defibrillator Availability

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §7852, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Automated external defibrillator or AED. "Automated external defibrillator" or "AED" has the same meaning as in section 2150-C, subsection 1, paragraph A.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §7853, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 596, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. B, §25, is amended to read:

2. Subject matter. The rules must include, but are not limited to, administration, quality of care and treatment, if applicable, level and qualifications of staff, rights of residents, contracts, administration of medication, requirements for an AED access plan, available public and private sources of payment, health and safety of residents and staff, community relations and licensing procedures.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §7853, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. AED access plan rules. The rules must include requirements for each assisted housing program to establish an AED access plan that includes having an AED on the premises of the facility and at least one employee on duty during each shift who is trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an AED through a program of instruction approved by the department.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish rules that require a licensed assisted housing program to establish an automated external defibrillator, AED, access plan that includes having an AED on the premises of the facility and at least one employee on duty during each shift who is trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an AED.