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Rule Citation: 6.60.11 NMAC: Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Staff Training

Overview of Adopted Rule

Agency: Public Education Department (PED)

Rulemaking Action: Amendment

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Public Comment Period: November 4, 2025, to December 4, 2025

Rule's Purpose: The adopted rule amendment outlines AED staff training requirements and clarifies PED's responsibility for providing school personnel ethical misconduct training.

Summary of Adopted Rule 6.60.11 NMAC: AED Staff Training

In response to Laws 2025, Chapter 129 ([House Bill 54](#)), the Public Education Department (PED) adopted an amendment to 6.60.11 NMAC to establish training requirements for school personnel designated as cardiac emergency response personnel and to clarify the state's responsibility for providing training on recognizing and reporting child abuse. The adopted rule defines automated external defibrillators (AEDs), outlines AED training requirements for select school personnel (including training frequency and compliance deadlines), and specifies which school personnel must complete AED and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training consistent with standards adopted by the American Heart Association (AHA).

Further, the adopted rule amendment includes language specifying the minimum number of cardiac emergency response personnel required at each school, which is defined as at least five individuals or 10 percent of staff, whichever is greater. The adopted rule also requires each school to develop a written cardiac emergency response plan (CERP).

The adopted rule amendment also clarifies the state, through PED, is responsible for providing child abuse recognition and reporting training as part of ethical standards training requirements, rather than New Mexico State University (NMSU).

PED cites Section 9-24-8 NMSA 1978, Section 22-2-1 NMSA 1978, Section 22-2-2 NMSA 1978, Section 22-10A-32 NMSA 1978, Section 22-33-2 NMSA 1978, and Section 22-33-6 NMSA 1978 as its statutory authority for promulgating the adopted amendments.

The amendment to 6.60.11 NMAC was adopted on December 11, 2025, and will take effect on December 23, 2025.

Impact

The adopted rule amendment to 6.60.11 NMAC will impact school districts and charter schools by establishing requirements related to staff training and planning for responses to sudden cardiac arrest or similar life-threatening emergencies. Schools will be required to designate staff as cardiac arrest emergency personnel and ensure those staff are trained according to the American Heart Association's adopted standards. These requirements expand selected staff duties and responsibilities to increase students' safeguards during cardiac arrest emergencies or similar life-threatening emergencies.

AED Staff Training. The adopted rule amendment defines an AED as a medical device heart monitor and defibrillator that is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and can respond to cardiac arrests. School districts and charter schools will be required to designate a portion of their staff (10 percent or five individuals, whichever is greater) as cardiac emergency responders, train them according to AHA's adopted standards, and have valid CPR and AED training from a nationally recognized organization. This will necessitate additional staff training and time.

In addition, the adopted rule requires each school to develop written CERPs consistent with AHA guidelines or other nationally recognized, evidence-based standards. CERPs must include core elements related to emergency cardiovascular care, including the appropriate placement and routine maintenance of AEDs, consistent with statutory changes passed during the 2025 legislative session.

Implementation Timeline. The adopted rule amendment staggers school implementation by requiring public non-charter high schools' compliance by the 2026-2027 school year (SY27) while compliance will be expected in elementary schools, middle schools, charter schools, and private schools by SY28.

Fiscal Impact. In analysis of the statutory change prompting these administrative rule updates (Laws 2025, Chapter 129, or House Bill 54), LESC staff [estimated](#) a moderate fiscal impact on school districts and charter schools to cover costs for AED staff training. Many (but not all) schools already have AEDs and previously, law required school personnel who serve as athletic coaches in grades seven through 12 to maintain AED and CPR certification. Still, the statutory changes will require additional training and staff use, which is underlined in 6.60.11 NMAC.

Ethical Misconduct Training. The adopted rule amendment clarifies the state, rather than NMSU, is the responsible entity for providing ethical misconduct training, including recognizing and reporting child abuse. It appears NMSU was previously identified as the provider of this training, which the adopted rule amendment changes and places back with PED to identify appropriate ethical misconduct training options.

Severability. The adopted rule amendment adds a severability clause, which preserves the rule's validity, legality, and enforceability of the rule if a section or its entirety is repealed.