

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION RULES GOVERNING SCHOOL-BASED AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DIFIBRILLATOR (AED) DEVICES AND CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) PROGRAMS IN ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing School-Based Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Devices and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Programs establish requirements and procedures regarding AED and CPR utilization in public schools. These rules amendments incorporate provisions of Act 544 of 2021, which removed or updated antiquated language contained in Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-10-122 and 123.

Post Public Comment

Following public comment, non-substantive changes were made to clarify that AEDs may not be located or stored in a locked room or office, that AED maintenance requires ensuring that the pads and batteries have not expired, and that if a School Appointed Program Coordinator (who performs duties related to AED use and CPR) is not a healthcare provider, a healthcare provider (such as a school nurse) must oversee the activities.