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# 42 U.S. Code § 244

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## Public access defibrillation programs

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### **(a) In general**

The Secretary shall award grants to States, political subdivisions of States, Indian tribes, and tribal organizations to develop and implement public access defibrillation programs—

- (1) by training and equipping local emergency medical services personnel, including firefighters, police officers, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and other first responders, to administer immediate care, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillation, to cardiac arrest victims;
- (2) by purchasing automated external defibrillators, placing the defibrillators in public places where cardiac arrests are likely to occur, and training personnel in such places to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillation to cardiac arrest victims;
- (3) by setting procedures for proper maintenance and testing of such devices, according to the guidelines of the manufacturers of the devices;
- (4) by providing training to members of the public in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillation;
- (5) by integrating the emergency medical services system with the public access defibrillation programs so that emergency medical services personnel, including dispatchers, are informed about the location of automated external defibrillators in their community; and

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