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Q: I have a question related to the use of an AED – Automated External Defibrillator – in skilled nursing facilities. Are there any regulatory requirements besides having a policy?

A: There is currently no requirement that a nursing facility have an AED. If a nursing facility chooses/decides to have an AED available in their facility, they must adhere to the Automated External Defibrillator Act (410 ILCS 4 – http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1513&ChapterID=35) and the Automated External Defibrillator Code (77 Ill Adm Code 525 - http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/077/07700525sections.html). The nursing facility policies and procedures must align with the Act and corresponding Code.