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TO: Nursing Homes and Managed Residential Communities

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SUBJECT: Public Act 25-168: Automated external defibrillators in Managed Residential Communities and Nursing Homes

Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) are portable, life-saving devices designed to treat people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest.

Section 179 of Public [Act \(PA\) 25-168](#) requires that Nursing Homes and some Managed Residential Communities have an external automated external defibrillator by January 1, 2026.

In accordance with PA 25-168, Section 179: “Not later than January 1, 2026, the administrator of each nursing home and each managed residential community shall (1) provide and maintain an automated external defibrillator in a central location on the premises of the nursing home or managed residential community, (2) make such central location known and accessible to staff members and residents of the home or community and family members of such residents who visit the home or community, and (3) maintain and test the automatic external defibrillator in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines.

"Automated external defibrillator" means a device that: (A) Is used to administer an electric shock through the chest wall to the heart; (B) contains internal decision-making electronics, microcomputers or

special software that allows it to interpret physiologic signals, make medical diagnoses and, if necessary, apply therapy; (C) guides the user through the process of using the device by audible or visual prompts; and (D) does not require the user to employ any discretion or judgment in its use.”

For purposes of this requirement, Public Act 25-168 defines “Managed residential community” as “a for-profit or not-for profit facility consisting of private residential units that provides a managed group living environment consisting of housing and services for persons who are primarily fifty-five years of age or older. “Managed residential community” does not include (A) any state-funded congregate housing facility, (B) any elderly housing complex receiving assistance and funding through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Assisted Living Conversion.”

For purposes of this requirement, Public Act 25-168 defines “Nursing home” as “(A) any chronic and convalescent nursing home or any rest home with nursing supervision that provides nursing supervision under a medical director twenty-four hours per day; or (B) any chronic and convalescent nursing home that provides skilled nursing care under medical supervision and direction to carry out nonsurgical treatment and dietary procedures for chronic diseases, convalescent stages, acute diseases or injuries.”

Please refer to Section 179 of Public Act 25-168 for additional information.