

## AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 101, 207, 305, 3001-b, and 3001-c of the Education Law.

Section 135.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended to read as follows:

(a) Definitions. As used in this section:

(1) *Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)* means measures performed in an attempt to restore cardiac function or to support ventilation in the event of a cardiac or respiratory arrest.

(2) *First aid* means simple, one-time treatment for minor illness or injury, or to provide basic support until professional healthcare can be obtained. First aid is intended to minimize the impact of an injury or illness and prevent it from worsening, and is usually given immediately at the location where the injury or illness occurred.

(3) *First aid training* means a course from a nationally recognized organization that provides instruction on how to perform simple first aid procedures.

(4) *First responder* means a firefighter, law enforcement officer, paramedic, emergency medical technician, or other individual (including an employee of a legally organized and recognized volunteer organization, whether compensated or not) who, in the course of their professional duties, responds to fire, medical, hazardous material, or other similar emergencies.

(5) *Nationally recognized organization*, as defined in paragraph (d) of subdivision one of section three thousand-b of the public health law, means a national organization approved by the New York State Department of Health for the purpose of training people in the use of an automated external defibrillator.

[(a)](b) Coaches of extra class periods in physical education, as defined in section 135.1(h) of this Part, shall [meet the requirements of this section] hold valid certification from a nationally recognized organization or meet equivalent requirements as set forth in this section, in:

(1) first aid knowledge and skills; and

(2) recognizing signs and symptoms of cardiac arrest; sudden cardiac arrest and the administration of adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation as defined in Public Health Law §3000-b(1)(d); and use of an automatic external defibrillator as defined in Public Health Law §3000-b(3)(a).

[(b) Except as provided in subdivision (c) of this section, all coaches must hold valid certification in first aid knowledge and skills, including instruction in the administration of adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation, as issued by a nationally recognized organization, as defined in Public Health Law §3000-b(1)(d), or meet equivalent requirements as set forth in this section.]

[(c) By January 15, 1993, all coaches employed on or after January 15, 1992, must hold valid certification in first aid knowledge and skills, including instruction in administration of adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation and instruction in recognizing signs and symptoms of cardiac arrest and sudden cardiac arrest, as issued by a nationally recognized organization, as defined in Public Health Law §3000-b(1)(d), or meet equivalent requirements as set forth in this section.]

[(d)] (c) For the purpose of this section, the following shall be deemed [as] equivalent to certification in first aid knowledge and skills [, including instruction in

administration of adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation as issued by a nationally recognized organization, as defined in Public Health Law §3000-b(1)(d)]:

[(1) completion of an approved course for coaches in first aid knowledge and skills, including instruction in administration of adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation and instruction in recognizing signs and symptoms of cardiac arrest and sudden cardiac arrest;]

[(2) completion of an approved college or university first aid knowledge and skills course, including instruction in administration of adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation and instruction in recognizing signs and symptoms of cardiac arrest and sudden cardiac arrest;]

[(3) completion of approved college or university courses in athletic training and sports medicine, which include first aid knowledge and skills, including instruction in administration of adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation and instruction in recognizing signs and symptoms of cardiac arrest and sudden cardiac arrest; or]

[(4) equivalent experience, which is approved by the Commissioner of Education]

(1) a health care practitioner licensed or certified under Title VIII of the Education Law; or

(2) first responders as defined in this section.

[(e)] (d) [Except as provided in subdivision (c) of this section, prior] Prior to the start of each sports season, coaches must provide [valid evidence] documentation to [their chief school officer ] school administration that their first aid and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation [knowledge and skills] certifications are current pursuant to the requirements established by a nationally recognized organization, as defined in

Public Health Law §3000-b(1)(d), or that they meet equivalent requirements as set forth in subdivision [(d)] (c) of this section.