



# LAWS OF ALASKA

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**Chapter No.**

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**AN ACT**

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

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2 the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to medical care for major  
3 emergencies; and providing for an effective date.

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5 \* **Section 1.** AS 14.30.360(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) Each district in the state public school system shall be encouraged to  
7 initiate and conduct a program in health education for kindergarten through grade 12.  
8 The program should include instruction in physical health and personal safety  
9 including alcohol and drug abuse education, [CARDIOPULMONARY  
10 RESUSCITATION (CPR),] early cancer prevention and detection, dental health,  
11 family health including infant care, environmental health, the identification and  
12 prevention of child abuse, child abduction, neglect, sexual abuse, and domestic  
13 violence, and appropriate use of health services.

14 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

1           **Sec. 14.30.363. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation education.** The department  
2 shall adopt curricula to instruct public school students on hands-only cardiopulmonary  
3 resuscitation. The department shall determine which grade levels are required to  
4 receive instruction under this section and adopt curricula that is appropriate for each of  
5 those grade levels. A person holding a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
6 instructor certificate, a license or certificate to provide emergency medical services  
7 under AS 18.08.082, or a current teacher certificate issued under AS 14.20 may  
8 present the curriculum to students. A public school providing instruction to students in  
9 grades for which this curriculum has been adopted shall offer the instruction if  
10 practicable. The curricula must be based on current national, evidence-based  
11 emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

12 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 18.08.010 is amended to read:

13           **Sec. 18.08.010. Administration.** The department is responsible for the  
14 development, implementation, and maintenance of a statewide comprehensive  
15 emergency medical services system and, accordingly, shall

16                   (1) coordinate public and private agencies engaged in the planning and  
17 delivery of emergency medical services, including trauma care **and care for major**  
18 **emergencies**, to plan an emergency medical services system;

19                   (2) assist public and private agencies to deliver emergency medical  
20 services, including trauma care **and care for major emergencies**, through the award  
21 of grants in aid;

22                   (3) conduct, encourage, and approve programs of education and  
23 training designed to upgrade the knowledge and skills of health personnel involved in  
24 emergency medical services, including trauma care **and care for major emergencies**;

25                   (4) establish and maintain a process under which hospitals and clinics  
26 could represent themselves to be trauma centers **or otherwise capable of treating**  
27 **major emergencies** because they voluntarily meet criteria adopted by the department;  
28 criteria adopted by the department to implement this paragraph must be based on an  
29 applicable national evaluation system.

30 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 18.08.082 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

31           (d) The commissioner may establish special designations in regulation for

1           varying levels of care for major emergencies provided by a medical facility certified  
2           under (a)(3) of this section. The designations shall be based on nationally recognized  
3           standards and procedures.

4       \* **Sec. 5.** AS 18.08.200 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

5                               (15) "major emergency" includes a heart attack or stroke.

6       \* **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 and 2 of this Act take effect July 1, 2027.