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**DATE:** 3/27/2025

**TO:** Public Access to Defibrillation Partners

**FROM:** Public Access to Defibrillation Program

**RE:** Important update: AED Registry and dispatch changes

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The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) has been informed that the National Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Registry and software will be discontinued and no longer supported after March 31, 2025.

After this date, you will no longer receive automated notifications when an AED is needed nearby in Regina and the surrounding areas or be responsible to dispatch your device to an emergency. Now, when a 911 call is placed for a cardiac emergency, the caller will be directed to the nearest available AED.

To keep AED locations accessible, the SHA is working with partners to integrate all AEDs in Regina and the surrounding areas into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. The Regina Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) coordinator will continue managing registered AEDs within Regina and the surrounding areas, including adding new devices and locations.

This manual registration and dispatch processes are also currently used in Saskatoon and Prince Albert by Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Work is underway to create a standardized registry and dispatch process.

The SHA is committed to developing a provincial solution to ensure AEDs are available when 911 is called. Updates will be shared once a plan is in place.

For questions or further information, please contact the Regina PAD coordinator at 306-766-6265 or email at [PAD@saskhealthauthority.ca](mailto:PAD@saskhealthauthority.ca).

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