

**Policy Statement – Red Cross Authorized Provider Agreement**  
**(Approved by the Board of Directors on 10 March 2014)**

**Background**

SBMCA has been an Authorized Provider of Red Cross First Aid and CPR/AED review training programs since January 1, 2007. We entered into the agreement in order to provide our members with the benefit of review courses in First Aid and CPR/AED so that they might voluntarily keep their skills and certifications current as a matter of continuing professional education. It should be noted that these certifications are mandatory for the original license application but not for renewal applications. However, current certifications are required by the USCG when working as a captain. If a certificate holder allows the card to expire, he or she has one year from the expiration date to renew with a review course. Otherwise, he or she must take the full course once again.

Our AP agreement provides a significant price break. The First Aid and CPR/AED review courses taken at the Red Cross could cost as much as \$93. As an AP, members would pay the much lower fee of \$28. However, SBMCA pays the \$28 fee for members as it is considered a member benefit and included in the \$50 annual dues.

To facilitate our AP program and lower our costs, we have purchased six (6) manikins and six (6) AED trainer machines. Our official designated Instructor is Pamela Hatch. Classes are limited to a maximum of twelve (12) participants.

**Eligibility**

Spouses, fiancés, or significant others of members of SBMCA are eligible to take the First Aid and CPR/AED courses that are provided by SBMCA pursuant to our Red Cross Authorized Provider Agreement.

**Registration**

As classes are limited to a total of twelve participants, priority will be given to members versus non-members. All will be required to register for courses at least 7 days before the announced date of a course. After all registrations are received and if openings exist after members are counted, non-members will be allowed to participate on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Fees**

Members do not pay for the First Aid and CPR/AED courses they take. The free courses are considered a member benefit. Non-members, however, will be charged a fee that is designed to

cover the fees that are paid to the Red Cross plus the estimated expenses of operating the courses. The Board has decided that the fees for review courses currently will be set at \$50 each if taken separately and \$65 if taken together.