



PREHOSPITAL PEDIATRIC READINESS RECOGNITION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT CHECKLIST

Developing a Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program

- Review the Federal EMSC Program expectations on page 40 of the **Performance Measure Implementation Manual**
- Decide what, if any, additional criteria should be incorporated into your program
 - Consider including recommendations from the Pediatric Readiness in EMS Systems **Joint Policy Statement** and **Technical Report**.
 - Consider using the **Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Checklist** as part of your program requirements
- Review established programs' applications and requirements
- Review the Action Plan Recommendations for the phase you are in on page 42 of the **Performance Measure Implementation Manual**
- Share your application and criteria with your HRSA Project Officer

Enhancing an established Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Recognition Programs in your state to align with evidence-based recommendations

In addition to the above checklist, the following steps are recommended:

- Ensure the following elements are incorporated into the requirements
The prehospital agency has a:
 - Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator/pediatric champion
 - process for EMS clinicians to physically demonstrate the correct use of pediatric-specific equipment
 - disaster plans that address the needs of children
- Update the verification process based on revisions made to the program's criteria.
 - Will the changes be required for agencies already recognized?
 - Determine when the changes will be effective (e.g., next verification cycle, immediately, rolling basis, etc.)
- Update any public-facing recognition program materials (website(s), manuals, etc.).
- Develop a communication strategy/plan to inform currently recognized agencies of updates. Things to consider:
 - Communication method (phone call, individual emails, mass email, etc.)
 - Detail all changes made in order to communicate efficiently
 - How the changes will affect all established agency's current recognition
 - Timing of roll out - provide lead time for current and future sites to incorporate new criteria.

Expanding an Established Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program to increase access to pediatric ready prehospital agencies for all communities

In addition to the above checklists, the following steps are recommended:

- Create a list of all known agencies currently holding or working on recognition in your state
 - Reach out and offer technical assistance
 - Assess site demographics based on geography, pediatric annual volume, etc.
 - Create a map showing where recognized agencies are located
- Identify regional gaps where prehospital agencies aren't participating in the pediatric readiness program
 - Develop a communication strategy/plan to outreach to those agencies not participating in the program.
 - Consider utilizing your FAN representative, EMSC advisory committee, and other key collaborative organizations (i.e. AAP, ACEP, ENA, etc.) to help with outreach.
 - Consider conducting focus groups to understand barriers to participation

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