



EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PEDIATRIC READINESS RECOGNITION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT CHECKLIST

Developing an ED Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program

- Review the Federal EMSC Program expectations on page 23 of the [Performance Measure Implementation Manual](#)
- Decide if any additional evidence-based criteria should be incorporated into your program
 - Consider using the [NPRP Checklist](#) as part of your program requirements
 - Consider using the [NPRP Toolkit](#)
- Review [established programs'](#) applications and requirements
- Review the Action Plan Recommendations for the phase you are in on page 25 of the [Performance Measure Implementation Manual](#)
- Share your application and criteria with your HRSA Project Officer

Enhancing an established ED Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program 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 emergency department has a:
 - Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator
 - policy and procedure to weigh and record children's weight in kilograms only
 - disaster Plan that addresses the needs of children
- Update the verification process based on revisions made to the program's criteria.
 - Will the changes be required for EDs 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 EDs 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 ED's current recognition
 - Timing of roll out - provide lead time for current and future sites to incorporate new criteria.

Expanding an ED Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program to increase access to pediatric ready EDs for all communities

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

- Create a list of hospitals currently with 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 EDs are located
- Identify regional gaps where EDs aren't participating in the pediatric readiness program
 - Develop a communication strategy/plan to outreach to those EDs not participating in the program
 - Consider utilizing your FAN representative 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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