

TEXAS **EMS FOR CHILDREN** VOLUNTARY PEDIATRICS EMS RECOGNITION PROGRAM



Program Levels

The EMS for Children Voluntary Recognition Program is structured to be a multi-level system of recognition. The fundamental phase, required to obtain initial recognition, focuses on EMS agencies carrying pediatric-specific equipment on their EMS vehicles beyond what is currently required for ambulance licensure in Texas. From there, agencies may opt to attain higher levels of recognition through the program. As the program develops, additional levels may be added or enhanced.

Bronze Level

Equipment Standards and Protocols.

The Bronze Level of recognition relates to pediatric-specific equipment on ambulances and maintaining pediatric treatment protocols or guidelines. The list of recommended equipment and supplies for ambulances is based on the 2014 Joint Policy Statement: Equipment for Ground Ambulances. This is the metric used to determine a state's compliance with the Federal EMS for Children performance measures. The most current copy of this list can be found at <http://www.childrensnational.org/emsc>.

Below is a table of items currently recommended by the Federal EMS for Children program that are not required for Texas ambulance licensure. To obtain Bronze Level recognition through this voluntary recognition program, agencies must demonstrate that their vehicles/equipment are **inclusive of ALL of the items on this table** within their scope of practice and that they have pediatric treatment protocols. These treatment protocols must be based on national standard protocols such as the Model EMS Guidelines from the National Association of EMS Officials (NASEMSO) and the American Heart Association. They must also include weight based drug dosing and Evidence-Based protocols when available.

To find pediatric evidence-based protocols please visit the Texas EMS for Children website at <http://www.bcm.edu/pediatrics/emsc>, Texas EMS for Children 2017 Voluntary Recognition Program. If the EMS agency's scope of practice does not include endotracheal intubation, written proof must be provided. Please note that an inspection will not be scheduled for Bronze Level recognition, as the agency will be recognized on good faith by the EMS for Children Program with the submission of a notarized affidavit included in this packet. A copy of the agency's protocols must also be included with the submission of the application.

Compliance Reporting Affidavit Pediatric Ambulance Equipment

To be completed by an EMS agency administrator (i.e., chief, human resources administrator, director, president, etc.). By signing this affidavit, I attest to the fact that my EMS Agency maintains, on all DSHS licensed vehicles, all pediatric equipment recommended by the Texas EMS for Children Voluntary Recognition Program.

I acknowledge that our equipment, specific to this form, is subject to audit and inspection without notice. I acknowledge that future ambulance inspections conducted by a representative from the Regional Advisory Council will verify the continued maintenance of these items in order to maintain recognition through the EMS for Children Voluntary Recognition Program.

AFFIDAVIT

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared, _____, who being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

I, _____, am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and personally acquainted with the facts herein state:

I am employed with the _____ Ambulance Service, as the Administrator. Included in my responsibilities as the Administrator is oversight of the ambulances and the equipment stocked in each one.

Attached hereto is a copy of the equipment listing for _____ Ambulance Service. I do affirm that ___ out of ___ ambulance(s) carries the exact listing attached.

_____, Ambulance Administrator

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal this _____ of _____, 201_.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

Silver Level

Pediatric Education for Providers

In order to achieve Silver Level recognition, an EMS agency must have met all the criteria to achieve Bronze Level recognition. Another performance measure of the Federal EMS for Children Program identifies continuing education related to pediatrics as a critical component of an EMS provider's recertification process. To achieve recognition at the Silver Level through the EMSC Voluntary Recognition Program, an EMS agency shall require its EMS providers to receive a minimum of four (4) hours of continuing education, as approved by the Texas State Department of Health, on pediatric-specific subject matter on an annual basis. Verification will be completed in the form of a letter signed by the EMS agency's Medical Director (Appendix C);

Compliance Reporting Form Pediatric Continuing Education

To be completed by the EMS agency Medical Director

By signing this verification form, I attest to the fact that my EMS Agency requires that all certified EMS providers obtain a minimum of four (4) hours of continuing education on pediatric-specific subject matter per year. This continuing education has been approved by the Texas Department of State Health Services Office of EMS and Trauma Services for EMS continuing education credit.

I, _____, attest that we maintain, on record, proof of this accomplishment, such as course completion certificates or Texas EMS continuing education reports for each provider.

I acknowledge that our training records, specific to this requirement, are subject to audit and inspection without notice.

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

Agency Name: _____ License Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Gold Level

Community Outreach

Beyond simply providing high quality and safe clinical care to children, EMS agencies demonstrating excellence in pediatric care also share a responsibility to provide education, participation in injury prevention initiatives, and outreach within their community. This outreach can be accomplished in several different ways and may target a variety of audiences (children, parents, school teachers, etc.).

To achieve recognition at the Gold Level through the EMSC Voluntary Recognition Program, an EMS agency shall regularly participate in community outreach initiatives. While this outreach shall include at least two (2) offerings on an annual basis, there is no specific way that this must be accomplished as long as a benefit to children can be demonstrated. Some examples include:

1. Hosting a community safety day at the station;
2. Hosting a community CPR class, including child/infant curriculum components;
3. Providing a presentation to local elementary school students on EMS;
4. Conducting injury prevention talks at the local swimming pool; and
5. Partnering with your local chapter of Safe Kids TX to host a car-seat installation workshop.

Any events submitted will be subject to approval by the Advisory Committee of the Texas EMS for Children Program, and, whenever possible, notice of an event shall be provided to the program prior to its occurrence. This will help establish a data bank of pediatric outreach education that is being conducted across the state that will be reportable at the state and national levels.