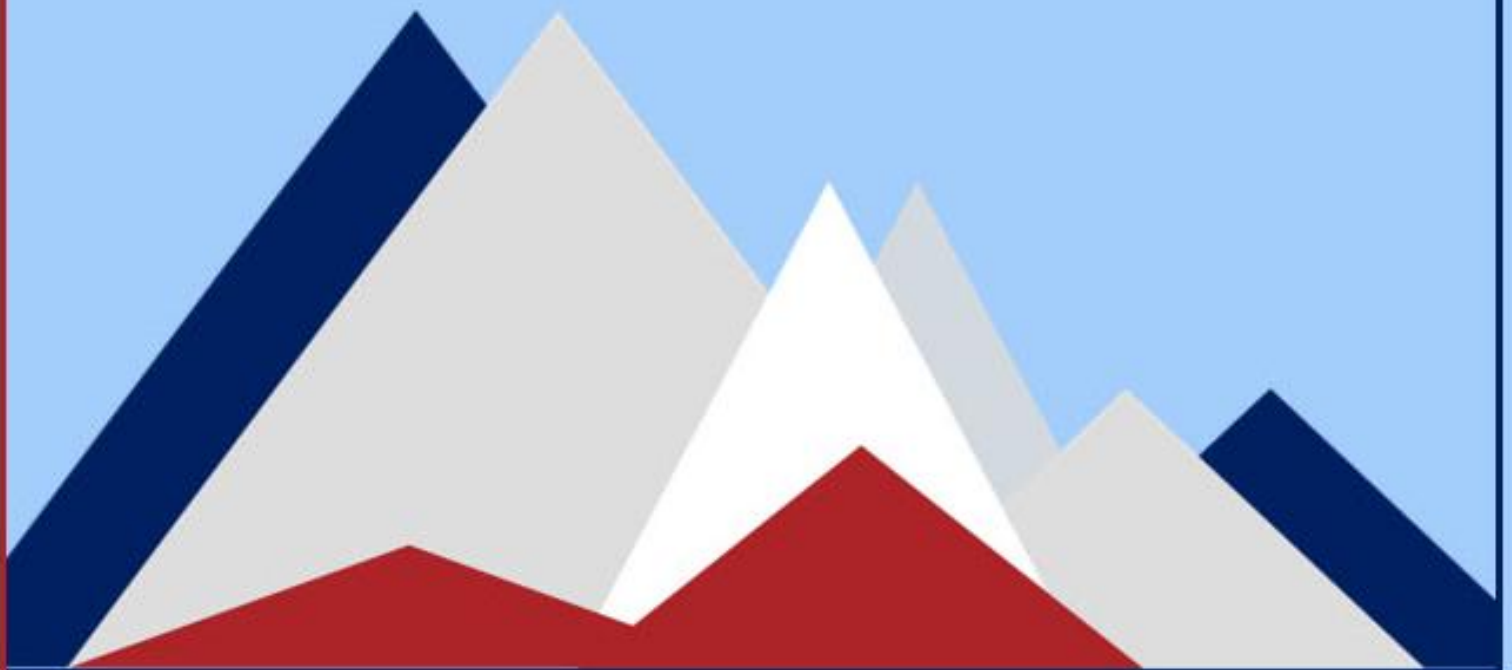




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Prehospital Pediatric Readiness
Recognition Program Manual





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Dear Prehospital Representative,

The Idaho Emergency Medical Services for Children Program (EMSC) is proud to present the Idaho Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program. The goal of this program is to improve pediatric emergency care in the state. Children have unique health needs that differ from adults. These differences are especially important when children are acutely ill or injured. Adhering to national guidelines for pediatric emergency care, known as being “pediatric ready,” is associated with improved survival. We hope to increase the number of EMS agencies ready to provide initial stabilization, treatment, and necessary transfers to definitive care for injured and ill children.

To accomplish this goal, the Idaho EMSC Advisory Committee developed a program that promotes evidence-based practice and integrates into the Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project (PPRP). Idaho has one level of recognition: Pediatric Ready EMS Agency. Agencies can refer to the program criteria to determine what is required to be recognized.

This program is voluntary and at no cost to agencies. The intention is to improve pediatric patient care, increase pediatric emergency readiness, and to make the entire state of Idaho safer for kids.

The EMSC program is prepared to support you with this process. If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

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Idaho Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program

A. Agency Recognition Level

- a. Pediatric Ready EMS Agency

B. Application and Review Process

1. Review the Idaho Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program manual to determine what is required to be recognized as Pediatric Ready for your agency.
2. Ensure that the Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project (PPRP) assessment has been completed prior to applying for recognition at:

[National Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project - Home Page](#)

3. Submit a completed application with supporting documentation, and the PPRP results to the EMSC program manager via secure email, fax, or mail (Please check application to determine the necessary supporting documentation).

EMS Recognition Application

4. The EMSC program manager will review the application for completeness and may request additional information or documentation.
5. The EMS State Representative on the EMSC Advisory Committee will independently review the application for completeness.
6. The EMSC Program Manager will schedule an onsite or virtual review with the agency to ensure all policies and equipment are available based on the criteria for recognition.
7. After the review is complete, the agency's application will be presented to the EMSC Advisory Committee for a final decision (meetings are held quarterly, but supplemental meetings may be scheduled for recognition).
8. The agency will be notified of decision within a week of the EMSC Advisory Committee meeting.
9. Recognition is valid for 3 years.



Criteria for Pediatric Ready EMS Agency

Criteria for recognition of Pediatric Ready EMS Agency is based upon the Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project (PPRP) supported by the federal EMSC program and over 30 organizations including American Academy of Pediatrics, National Association of EMT's, International Association of Fire Chiefs, and National Association of EMS Educators. The following elements must be met for your agency to be recognized as Pediatric Ready in Idaho.

1. ADMINISTRATION/COORDINATION		✓
1.1	There is a designated Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) to support the agency or agencies	
2. EDUCATION AND COMPETENCIES OF PROVIDERS		
2.1	There is a process that requires EMS providers to physically demonstrate the correct use of pediatric-specific equipment and supplies based on agency level of service (at least annually)	
2.2	Pediatric training opportunities are available and required for EMS providers at least annually (virtual accepted)	
2.3	Pediatric competency evaluations for EMS providers include psychomotor skills, knowledge and behaviors at least annually	
2.4	There is a process in place to ensure validation of pediatric skills annually	
2.5	There is education available on children with special healthcare needs	
3. POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND PROTOCOLS		✓
3.1	There is a process in place for reporting suspected child maltreatment	
3.2	There is a policy regarding the care and consent of unaccompanied minors	
3.3	Pediatrics are included in policies and procedures regarding the use of trauma triage destination protocols for transporting services	
3.4	There is a policy regarding refusals from guardian or caregiver involving children	
3.5	There is integration of online EMS physician medical oversight	
3.6	There is a policy for safe transport of children	
3.7	There is a mass transport policy that includes children	
4. QUALITY AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT		✓
4.1	There is a Quality Assurance (QA) Plan that includes all serious and critical pediatric patients and is data driven	
5. PATIENT AND MEDICATION SAFETY		✓
5.1	The agency utilizes a pediatric weight estimation system (i.e. length-based tape, etc.)	
6. INTERACTION WITH SYSTEMS OF CARE		✓
6.1	The agency or agencies use a local, regional, or state-wide disaster plan that addresses the needs of children	
6.2	A field triage algorithm that includes pediatrics is utilized (e.g., SALT or JumpSTART)	
6.3	There is a process in place to obtain pediatric feedback from the receiving hospital	
6.4	The agency collaborates with nearby ED's to ensure pediatric readiness across the care continuum	
7. SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT		✓
7.1	There is a process for daily checks for pediatric equipment and monthly checks for expired pediatric equipment and supplies	
7.2	The agency complies with state minimum medical equipment standards based on agency level of service and ensures the additional items required by the Idaho Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program are available	
7.3	All providers are assessed on their ability to locate pediatric specific equipment	