

Peds Ready EMS

Application Guide



The Peds Ready EMS program sets the standard for EMS transport agency pediatric readiness. Completing the steps necessary to participate in Peds Ready EMS will improve agency readiness to treat pediatric emergency medical and trauma patients. This is a voluntary recognition program, and there is no fee to participate.

The [online application](#) should take less than an hour to complete. Once the application has been verified and accepted, the Oregon EMS for Children (EMSC) Program will send a recognition certificate and ambulance decal(s) to the EMS transport agency.

If you have questions about this program, please read the *Application Guide* and *Frequently Asked Questions* documents, visit the [Oregon EMSC Program website](#), or contact the Oregon EMSC Program Manager, Rachel Ford, at rachel.l.ford@oha.oregon.gov or 971-673-0564. If you encounter technical issues when submitting this form, please contact Nicole Perkins at nicole.m.perkins@oha.oregon.gov or 971-469-2899.

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This guide outlines the required application fields, with explanations and references where applicable.	
FIELD	EXPLANATION
Demographic and Contact Information	
EMS Transport Agency Name	<i>Full EMS transport agency name, without abbreviations.</i>
EMS Transport Agency Shipping Address	<i>Address used for receiving mail and packages.</i>
Region/ATAB	<i>Each Oregon EMS agency operates within one or more emergency medical services regions.</i> References: Map, county and zip code list
Service Area	<i>Select the county or counties included in the EMS agency's service area.</i>
Contact Name	<i>EMS agency point-of-contact's first and last name.</i>
Contact Work Email Address	<i>EMS agency point-of-contact's work email address.</i>
Contact Work Phone Number	<i>EMS agency point-of-contact's work phone number.</i>

Recognition Requirements	
Compliance with Oregon EMS Statutes and Rules	<p><i>Type your initials into the text box to verify that the agency is in compliance with Oregon EMS statutes and rules, including but not limited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agencies must carry all required pediatric equipment for patient care and safe transport for their licensed vehicle type(s). <p>References: OAR 333-255-0072 Ground Ambulance Vehicle Equipment Requirements; OAR 333-255 0073 Specialty Care Ground Ambulance Vehicle Requirements; OAR 333-255-0081 Air Ambulance Operating Requirements for Interfacility Transfers; OAR 333-255-0082 Air Operating Requirements for Scene Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agencies must submit complete patient care reports that include data points in the NEMSIS data dictionary. <p>Reference: OAR 333-250-0310 Patient Care Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agencies must submit patient care reports that meet the specifications of all NEMSQA pediatric measures and other NEMSQA measures under review by the Oregon EMSC Program. <p>Reference: NEMSQA measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If applicable, upload all current agency waivers in the File Upload section at the end of this form.
Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator or Pediatric Champion Name	<p><i>Name of Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator or Pediatric Champion named during annual EMS agency license renewal.</i></p> <p>Reference: The individual does not need to be dedicated solely to this role; it can be an individual already in place who assumes the role as part of their existing duties. The individual may be a member of your agency, or work at a county or regional level serving more than one agency.</p> <p>The Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator/Pediatric Champion shows leadership in agency pediatric readiness efforts, including – but not limited to – ensuring availability of pediatric equipment and pediatric patient care protocols, pediatric patient care quality improvement, participation in pediatric-focused community outreach and education activities, and sharing pediatric continuing education opportunities.</p>
EMS Provider Pediatric Education	<p><i>Type your initials into the text box to verify that the EMS providers on agency roster have completed required pediatric education for their provider license type. This may include, but is not limited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>in-person classes</i> <i>online education sessions</i> <i>psychomotor, cognitive, and behavioral skill evaluation</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>simulation events</i> <p>Reference: Appendix 1</p>
Community Outreach	<p><i>Describe the agency's community outreach and education activities. This may include events organized by the agency, as well as those done in collaboration with community partners where the agency has contributed staff/volunteer time, expertise, and/or funding.</i></p> <p>Initial application: <i>For agencies submitting an initial application to the Peds Ready EMS Program, describe at least one outreach activity completed in the previous year.</i></p> <p>Renewal application: <i>For agencies renewing their Peds Ready EMS recognition, describe outreach completed in the previous two years.</i></p> <p><i>If available, upload supporting documentation in the File Upload section at the end of the application. Examples of documentation: event flyers, communications with staff or volunteers, photographs from the event, etc.</i></p> <p>Note: EMSC Program will assist agencies that need support connecting with community partners.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community safety day or health fair that includes common household emergencies and family disaster plans • Community first aid, CPR, Stop the Bleed, and/or Right Call Card training with pediatric curriculum • Injury prevention presentation held at a school, public library, public pool, early learning facility, or other pediatric-centered organization or location • Co-host a family-centered event with the HERO Kids Registry • Co-host a family-centered event at a local hospital, or in collaboration with local public health or community-based organization(s) • Bike, e-bike, motorcycle, ATV, and/or horse safety rodeo • Host a pediatric disaster training or drill • Partner with local Safe Kids chapter on injury prevention event • Public child safety seat checkup and fitting event
HERO Kids Registry Enrollment	<p><i>Type your initials into the text box to verify that the agency has signed up for the Oregon Registries for EMS app and enrolled all providers on agency roster.</i></p>
HERO Kids Registry Access	<p><i>Type your initials into the text box to verify that the agency encourages all providers to access Health Emergency Ready Oregon (HERO) Kids Registry information, by using the app or confidential provider hotline, when treating patients ages 0-26.</i></p> <p>Reference: HERO Kids Registry</p>
Disaster Preparedness	<p><i>Type your initials into the text box to verify that the agency has knowledge of city, county, district, regional, and/or state</i></p>

	<i>disaster plans that include considerations for the unique needs of children.</i>
Agency Disaster Plan	<p><i>Type your initials into the text box to verify that the agency has developed a Standard Operating Guideline (SOG), Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), and/or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that describes agency utilization of city, county, district, regional, and/or state disaster plan requirements. Participation in multi-agency development of plans also qualifies.</i></p> <p><i>Upload supporting documentation in the File Upload section at the end of the application.</i></p>
Disaster Exercises	<i>Type your initials into the text box to verify that the agency participates in disaster exercises occurring within the agency's service area.</i>
Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project Assessment	<i>Type your initials into the text box to verify that the agency has completed and will continue to complete the Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project assessment as requested by the Oregon EMSC Program.</i>
Opportunities for Growth	<p><i>What has the agency identified as the primary areas for growth or improvement of its pediatric readiness? Provide at least 2 examples.</i></p> <p><i>How is the agency working to address these gaps?</i></p> <p>Note: Refer to the Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project assessment gap report.</p>
File Upload	<p><i>Upload supporting documentation of:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1) All current agency waivers, if applicable;</i> <i>2) Documentation of community outreach and education activities, if available; and</i> <i>3) SOG, SOP, and/or MOU that describes agency utilization of city, county, district, regional, and/or state disaster plan requirements.</i>
Send me a copy of my responses	<i>The Smartsheet form will automatically send a copy of the form responses to the email in the "Contact Work Email Address" field above. If you would like an additional copy sent to a second recipient, check this box and enter the second email address.</i>

Application Process

1. Complete the [online application](#).
2. Applications will be reviewed for completeness. The Oregon EMSC Program Manager may contact the agency to request clarification or documentation as needed.

Award of Recognition

Once the application has been reviewed for completeness, verified, and accepted, the Oregon EMSC Program will send the EMS agency a recognition certificate and decals for each licensed ambulance vehicle. Adhering the decals to the ambulance vehicles is strongly encouraged, but not required.

The Oregon EMSC Program may publicize the names of EMS agencies that have achieved recognition in quarterly reports and on the Oregon EMSC Program [website](#).

Sample Press Release

For local media outlets, agency website or social media, elected officials, and community members:

[EMS Agency Name] is proud to be recognized as a *Peds Ready EMS agency* by the Oregon Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program. [EMS Agency Name] is going above and beyond in their care of pediatric patients. The Oregon EMSC Program thanks them for their dedication to the provision of pediatric emergency medical and trauma care in their community.

Recognition Renewal

The Peds Ready EMS initial recognition period is up to 2 years from the issue date. All EMS agencies seeking recognition renewal will follow the application process outlined above. The Oregon EMSC Program will send a reminder email to the agency within three months of the recognition expiration date. If an EMS agency chooses not to renew or renewal application is denied, they will be asked to remove ambulance vehicle decals.

Recognition Revocation

Peds Ready EMS recognition may be revoked if the EMS agency provides falsified information to gain recognition or fails to maintain the Peds Ready EMS recognition standards. Additionally, EMS agencies must maintain good standing with the Oregon Health Authority Emergency Medical Services Program.

If an agency's recognition is revoked, Peds Ready EMS recognition decals must be removed from all ambulance vehicles within 30 days. If an agency sells a vehicle, recognition decals must be removed.