

# Join the Pediatric Voluntary Recognition Program!



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Pennsylvania's Pediatric Voluntary Recognition Program has been implemented in an effort to ensure that all children in the Commonwealth receive the best possible prehospital emergency medical care. EMS agencies are recognized under this program for showing significant dedication to providing excellence in pediatric emergency medical care.

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This multi-faceted program currently has five levels, each building on the previous:

- **Basic**—Pediatric-specific equipment. Based on federal guidance, EMS agencies must carry all recommended pediatric-specific equipment on each of their licensed vehicles.
- **Intermediate**—ChildLine child abuse background clearances. In order to prevent criminal acts against children, all agency EMS providers must have a child abuse background check on file.
- **Advanced**—Continuing education hours. To improve knowledge of the unique medical needs of children, EMS providers must complete four hours of pediatric-specific continuing education annually.
- **Master**—Community Outreach programs. EMS agencies demonstrating excellence in pediatric care also share a responsibility to provide education, injury prevention initiatives, and outreach within their community. This outreach can be accomplished in several different ways and may target a variety of audiences.
- **Expert**—Child Passenger Safety Technicians. EMS agencies must have at least one CPS Technician at the agency, have regular car seat check hours, and host at least one larger open public event per year.

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This recognition program was created by the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council EMS for Children Program, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of EMS.

For the application and more information, visit

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