



PENNSYLVANIA

EMSC State Partnership Program

Hello. Thank you for all that you and your agency do to care for people in need, especially our pediatric patients. 2024 marks a unique opportunity for Pennsylvania EMS agencies and fire department QRS services to contribute to the readiness and capacity of pediatric care by participating in a nationwide quality improvement assessment, ensuring that EMS and fire-rescue agencies are ready to care for children. The **National Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project (PPRP)** is for all 911 level EMS agencies and is designed to assess and support pediatric readiness through a series of survey questions and responses by your agency.

The PPRP survey website is <https://EMSpedsReady.org>

In the next few days, your agency contact will receive an email invitation from EMSpedsReady@hsc.utah.edu. Please follow the instructions on how to access and complete the survey. The online survey should take about 30-45 minutes to complete. Several questions require some pre-survey research while others require clarification specific to Pennsylvania as this is a national survey and variances exist between states. We have posted information on the **Pennsylvania EMSC website (www.paemsc.org)** regarding the survey including a downloadable paper version, a list of data you will need prior to completing the survey, and clarification on specific questions.

The survey period will run from May 1st through July 31st

We urge you to take the time to prepare before responding to the online version. Download the paper copy, identify your responses to the questions before going online to complete the actual survey. Collaborate with your leadership, medical director, and pediatric coordinator (if you have one) to identify your responses. Answer all questions honestly and within your agency's scope and actual practice when completing the survey. Responding to questions to gain a higher score does **NOT** help us assess needs and identify resources. *Paper submissions are not acceptable.*

Pennsylvania specific guidance and support is available at www.paemsc.org

Please feel free to contact the survey support team at EMSpedsReadySupport@hsc.utah.edu or the **EMSC Program Manager** at the listed information below should you not receive the invitation by May 15th or with any questions or difficulties you encounter when completing the survey.

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Bureau of EMS, the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council, and the Pennsylvania Emergency Medical Services for Children Program, thank you again for your assistance and time spent in providing this valuable information for us improve the readiness of EMS providers to care for our pediatric patients.

Regards,

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