

The National Pediatric Readiness Project empowers emergency departments (EDs) to improve their capability to provide high quality care for children. This is also known as being “pediatric ready”. The Nevada chapter of Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) is proud to announce a program for recognizing pediatric readiness in EDs in Nevada.

Why is this important? Research has shown that high pediatric readiness in EDs results in 76% lower mortality rate in ill children, 60% lower mortality rate in injured children, and at least 1400 children’s lives saved across the US every year.

When your ED has met the criteria for our different levels of pediatric readiness it will be recognized state-wide so that your accomplishments are recognized and so that families will know that you have met these criteria as well. You will receive a certificate that you can display in your ED.

Here are the steps to pediatric readiness recognition for your ED:

1. Choose which level of recognition for which you would like to apply.

The four levels are:

4. Peds Ready
3. Peds Ready +
2. Peds Ready Advanced
1. Peds Ready Advanced + Trauma

Here are examples of each level:

Peds Ready - EDs with no inpatient pediatric services and no pediatric surgery capabilities or respiratory therapists

Peds Ready + - EDs with no inpatient pediatric services and some pediatric surgery capabilities and/or respiratory therapists

Peds Ready Advanced - EDs with inpatient pediatric services, PICU services, and pediatric surgery capabilities but no pediatric trauma designation

Peds Ready Advanced + Trauma - EDs with inpatient pediatric services, PICU services, pediatric surgery capabilities and pediatric trauma designation

Each level of designation will be evaluated in each of the following categories based on the available resources:

- PECC Coordinator
- Peds Readiness Survey
- Competency Training
- Equipment Minimums
- Education
- Patient Safety Standards
- Interfacility Transfer Agreements
- Disaster Preparedness
- Quality Initiatives

2. Send the Nevada EMSC Chapter Committee your choice of the level of recognition for which you have chosen to apply.
3. The Committee will send you the requirements for level of recognition that you have chosen.
4. Complete your assessment of the requirement and send the committee documentation that you have completed the requirements that are requested for each category.
5. The Committee will review your application and designate your level of recognition when the requirements are met, provide a certificate, and release the information to the press.

The Committee is here to help you and to give you the resources you need to be successful in achieving a pediatric recognition status.

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