



ASPR

Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP) Overview

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Mission

Establish a national interoperable network of state-based ESAR-VHP systems for registering and verifying the identity and credentials of volunteers in advance of disasters and public health and medical emergencies

ESAR-VHP At A Glance

- **62** ESAR-VHP programs – all 50 states, DC, 3 localities, all U.S. territories and freely associated states
- Primary Funding Sources
 - ASPR Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program
- **278,915** registered ESAR-VHP volunteers

State ESAR-VHP Program Characteristics

- Each system administered and maintained by a state
- Each system verifies the identification, credentials, licenses, certifications, and hospital privileges of health professionals who volunteer to provide health services during a public health emergency
- Majority housed in state department of public health or equivalent
- Majority of ESAR-VHP programs require emergency declaration to activate system

Key Federal Program Strategies

- Establish federal ESAR-VHP Guidelines and standards to ensure consistency across states for credentials verification and data transfer/exchange
- Establish compliance requirements to identify state ESAR-VHP program capabilities and procedures and ensure effective management and deployment of volunteers
- Provide technical assistance
- Identify volunteers willing to be activated in a federal emergency
- Encourage integration of state ESAR-VHP programs and local Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteer resources

Guidelines: Health Profession Occupations

- Physicians (Allopathic and Osteopathic)
- Physician Assistants
- Registered Nurses
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurses
- Licensed Practical Nurses and Licensed Vocational Nurses
- Psychologists
- Clinical Social Workers
- Dentists
- Marriage/Family Therapists
- Pharmacists
- Respiratory Therapists
- Mental Health Counselors
- Veterinarians
- Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians
- Diagnostic Medical Sonographers
- Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics
- Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists
- Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians
- Medical Records and Health Information Technicians
- Radiologic Technologists and Technicians

Guidelines: Credentials Collected and Verified

- Unencumbered, current professional license or other State authorization to practice
- Certification/registration
- Professional specialty certification
- Clinically active in hospital
- Clinically active
- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration
- Record of adverse actions
- Inspector General status
- Education
- Experience

Guidelines: Additional Data

- **Required data elements**
 - Identity or Personal Information
 - Contact Information
 - Emergency Contact Information
 - Consents and Pledges
 - Deployment Preferences
 - Language Skills
 - Volunteer Affiliations
 - Education
 - Experience
- **Optional data elements**
 - Background Check
 - Disaster Training

Guidelines: ESAR-VHP Credential Levels

- Level 1: Verified active clinical hospital practice
- Level 2: Verified active clinical practice (non-hospital)
- Level 3: Verified state licensure or certification (in good standing)
- Level 4: Verified education or experience (no verification of licensure or clinical practice)

Key State Compliance Requirements

- Offer Internet-based registration
- Register, collect, and verify credentials and qualifications of health professionals
- Develop expedited registration and credential verification immediately after a disaster or public health emergency
- Recruit and retain volunteers
- Develop protocols for deploying and tracking volunteers during an emergency

ESAR-VHP Website: Registration



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The Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals



Health Professionals

Registration

- Health Professionals
- Why ESAR-VHP Needs You
- Registration
- The Experience

How do I sign up?

Volunteer registration differs from state to state. Click on your state of residence to find out how to register.

Who is eligible?

All licensed and credentialed health professionals can register with ESAR-VHP. States may register additional health professional occupations, so if your profession is not included in the list below, please consult with your state ESAR-VHP coordinator:

- **Advanced practice registered nurses** (nurse practitioners, certified nurse anesthetists, certified nurse midwives, clinical nurses specialists)
- **Behavioral health professionals** (marriage and family therapists, clinical social workers, psychologists, and mental health counselors)
- **Cardiovascular technologist and technicians**
- **Dentists**
- **Diagnostic medical sonographers**
- **Emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics**
- **Licensed practical nurses and licensed vocational nurses**
- **Medical and clinical laboratory technicians** (includes phlebotomists)
- **Medical and clinical laboratory technologists**
- **Medical records and health information technologists**
- **Pharmacists**
- **Physicians**
- **Physician assistants**
- **Radiologic technologists and technicians**

How do I sign up?
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STEP 1 Select Your state of residence:
Select a state
Select a state

STEP 2
ESAR-VHP Web site, "Registration" button.

STEP 3
fields on your state

It's that easy to verify and print information

ESAR-VHP program will then verify and credentialing information to protect security measures.

Implementation Challenges

- Funding
- Access to national data sources
- Assignment of volunteers to credential levels 1 and 2
- Outdated guidelines, standards, and compliance requirements

New and Future Developments

- June 4: U.S. House passed the Pandemic All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act
 - Reauthorizes ESAR-VHP through 2023
 - Pending President's signature
- FY 2019 – 2020
 - ESAR-VHP Compliance Requirements Update
 - FY 2019 – 2020: ESAR-VHP Guidelines Update

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America's Health Volunteers Making Every Minute Count

What is ESAR-VHP?

ESAR-VHP is a national network of state-based registries that allows health professionals the opportunity to get their licenses and credentials verified before a disaster happens.

[Learn more about volunteering](#)

Register Now

Are you a health professional? Register today to join other health professionals as we prepare for our nation's future public health emergencies.

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