



Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals

America's Health Volunteers Making Every Minute Count

In our nation's history, we have endured outbreaks, terrorist attacks and natural disasters. During these times of crises, we have bonded together as a country, and deepened our ties as Americans. We have also come to realize the courage and selflessness of volunteer health professionals, a critical cadre of skilled people who often unite within a matter of days, sometimes hours, to lend a hand and offer comfort to the affected and vulnerable.

However, for many health professionals who offer their time and services during these critical times, they can grow frustrated waiting for credentials to be verified in order to serve at their highest capacity.

Now ESAR-VHP can help cut through the red tape!



By registering in advance, volunteer health professionals can be ready to respond during an emergency. Emergencies wait for no one – be registered to serve when you are needed the most.

For more information, visit esarvhp@hhs.gov.

What is ESAR-VHP?

The Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (or ESAR-VHP) is a national network of state-based programs that verify the identity, licenses, and credentials before an emergency happens. It allows registered health professionals to accept or decline a request to respond, and streamlines the verification process so that once on-site, health professionals can work at their highest capacity.

Who is eligible to register?

From doctors, nurses, dentists, and veterinarians to medical technicians, social workers, medical records technicians, and mental health counselors, a diverse group of qualified health professionals may be needed to respond quickly to a disaster or public health emergency.

How do I register?

Registration is simple:

Step 1: Visit your state or territory Web site.

Step 2: Once on your state ESAR-VHP Web site, click on the "Registration" button.

Step 3: Fill out the required fields in the registration form.

It's that easy.

Your state ESAR-VHP program will then verify and protect your identity, license, and credentialing information in a manner consistent with all federal, state, and local laws governing security and confidentiality.



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