



Nebraska's Volunteer Registry

<http://volunteers.ne.gov/>

What is ESAR-VHP

The Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP) Program is an electronic database of healthcare personnel who volunteer to provide aid in an emergency. Each State is required to develop an electronic system for managing volunteer data. The system must include verifiable, up-to-date information regarding the volunteer's identity, licensing, credentialing, accreditation, and privileging in hospitals or other medical facilities.

The establishment of these standardized State systems gives each State the ability to quickly identify and better utilize health professional volunteers in emergencies and disasters.

Each database must be built to current industry standards for security and protection of sensitive information, and must include requirements for redundancy. These electronic systems must be able to:

- ◆ Offer secure web-based registration
- ◆ Maintain ESAR-VHP credential information in a secure electronic format
- ◆ Identify volunteers via queries of critical variables
- ◆ Generate electronic data files in a secure format that can be interpreted and used by other jurisdictions managing volunteers
- ◆ Track volunteers during deployment and track deployment history of volunteers

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Creating an Emergency Health Professions
Volunteer Registration System

Why is the System Necessary

Experience has shown that, in an emergency, many of our nation's health and medical providers are eager and willing to volunteer their professional health services. To meet the extraordinary demands of a large scale emergency, hospitals and other providers of healthcare will depend upon the services that health volunteers can provide. The goal of the ESAR-VHP program is to eliminate a number of significant problems encountered when seeking to utilize volunteers in a complex emergency response situation.

Special Note

In December 2006, the ESAR-VHP Program moved to the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) with the Office of the Secretary due to passage of the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act.

FAQ's

Is the Ultimate Goal to Link States?

Yes, the ultimate goal is to link states in order to create a national database of volunteers.

Will HRSA be providing states with a formula for creating a unique identifier for each volunteer -- similar to a SSN?

The only requirement right now is that the number begin with one assigned to the State. Nebraska's is 31. There will be changes clarifying this in the new version of the guidelines, which is currently under revision.

Where Can I Find More Information

<http://www.hrsa.gov/esarvhp/>

or

<http://www.hhs.gov/aspr/>

Who Should Register

Currently, we are actively recruiting the following health professionals:

- Certified Nurse Anesthetists
- Certified Nurse Midwives
- Clinical Nurse Specialists
- Clinical Social Workers
- Licensed Practical Nurses
- Medical/Clinical Laboratory Technologists & Technicians
- Mental Health Counselors
- Nurse Practitioners
- Pharmacists
- Physicians
- Psychologists
- Radiologic Technologists & Technicians
- Registered Nurses
- Respiratory Therapists

In 2008, we will actively be recruiting the health professionals listed below:

- Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians
- Dentists
- Diagnostic Medical Sonographers
- Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs)
- Marriage & Family Therapists
- Medical Records & Health Information Technicians
- Paramedics
- Physician Assistants
- Veterinarians



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Please note: Registration does not obligate an individual to respond, but allows them to be contacted by the state for availability during a state or national emergency.

2006 National Benchmarks

- 24 States with operational ESAR-VHP Programs
- Over 45,000 registered volunteers
- Successful implementation of the first Federal/State test for Mobilizing ESAR-VHP Volunteers for a Federal Response to a National Disaster/Emergency

To Learn More

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