



PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL
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RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION

Board Meeting Date: October 24, 2012

Subject: EMSC Voluntary Recognition Program Decal

VTR#: 1012-04

Committee/Task Force:

EMS for Children (EMSC)

Recommended Goal

Recommended Policy Change

Other:

Recommendation:

The Pennsylvania Department of Health should approve the attached decal design as the official vehicle decal for EMS vehicles recognized through the EMSC Pediatric Voluntary Recognition Program.

Rationale [Background]:

The Department of Health approved the development of a voluntary recognition program to recognize EMS agencies' capacity to treat pediatric patients through carrying appropriate equipment, providing pediatric-specific continuing education, screening providers through the PA ChildLine, and participating in community outreach initiatives. With the acceptance of the program application and overview manual, the EMSC program is prepared to begin accepting applications. This program will provide a standardized approach to recognize successful EMS agencies utilizing support from the Bureau of EMS and regional EMS councils. The overview manual for the program can be downloaded from the EMS for Children website – www.paemsc.org.

This program was developed to mimic the format of the Quick Response Service (QRS) voluntary recognition process, and, like the QRS program, a vehicle decal will be awarded to EMS agencies to allow them to advertise their successful participation in the program. In addition, agencies participating in the program would be eligible for priority to receive EMSC-funded equipment, educational offerings, etc.

Medical Review [Concerns]:

No clinical implications are associated with this recommendation.

Fiscal Concerns:

There are no financial implications for EMS agencies associated with the acceptance of this recommendation beyond any costs generally associated with participation in the program.

Educational Concerns:

No educational concerns are associated with this recommendation.

Plan of Implementation:

The Department should provide written approval to the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services council of acceptance of the decal. Decal production/reproduction will remain a responsibility of the PEHSC and the EMSC program.

The PEHSC Committee/Task Force offers consultation to the Department in regard to the content of this Vote to Recommend (VTR) and its attached documents. The PEHSC Committee/Task Force specifically offers staff or member support to participate in Department deliberations regarding this recommendation in an effort to convey committee/task force discussions.

Board Meeting Comments/Concerns:

Signed: J David Jones
President

Date 11-12-12

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Accept: x Table: Modify: Reject:

Comments: Discussion was held regarding the specifics of implementing this recognition program. Director Schmider indicated that those specifics will be handled between the Bureau of EMS and the EMSC Committee of PEHSC. The Board was reminded of the intent of this VTR, which is the approval of a decal design to be forwarded to the Department of Health to go through its internal review process. This recommendation passed with a majority vote.

Date of Department Response: