
**FACILITY RECOGNITION
PHYSICIAN AND NURSE PRACTITIONER CRITERIA
WAIVER OPPORTUNITY
For
Emergency Departments Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) and
Standby Emergency Departments Approved for Pediatrics (SEDP)**

In 1998, the Illinois Department of Public Health began a program to recognize hospitals for their emergency department and critical care pediatric preparedness. The Illinois Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Advisory Board approved a set of criteria that hospitals voluntarily meet in order to receive recognition as a Pediatric Critical Care Center (PCCC), an Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) or a Standby Emergency Department for Pediatrics (SEDP). Over 100 hospitals within Illinois including a few hospitals from our border states of Iowa and Indiana have received recognition as a PCCC/EDAP, EDAP or SEDP.

Hospitals requesting EDAP or SEDP status must meet qualification criteria outlined for physicians and nurse practitioners. Some physicians and nurse practitioners who have practiced in the emergency medicine field much of their career may not meet the criteria based on their physician residency or nurse practitioner training program. Waiver criteria has been developed for these practitioners. This waiver option (outlined below) is available to emergency department physicians who do not currently meet EDAP criteria as outlined in EMS Administrative Code, Section 515.4000, a, D; and to nurse practitioners who do not currently meet EDAP or SEDP criteria as outlined in EMS Administrative Code, Section 515.4000, b, 1 or Section 515.4010, b, 1.

NOTE: Waiver requests need to be submitted each EDAP or SEDP renewal cycle.

***EDAP PHYSICIAN QUALIFICATIONS WAIVER CRITERIA
(EMS Administrative Code, Section 515.4000, a, D)***

Twenty-four hour coverage of the Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) shall be provided by at least one physician responsible for the care of critically ill or injured children who meets EDAP Physician Qualifications Criteria (Section 515.4000, a, D) **or** a physician who has received a waiver from the Illinois Department of Public Health based on meeting one of the criteria below:

1. An emergency department physician who has already received a waiver per the Trauma Center Rules & Regulations (EMS Administrative Code, Section 515.2030, e 1 B, or Section 515.2040, f 1 B); **or**

2. Completion of 12 months of internship followed by at least 7000 hours of hospital-based Emergency Medicine, that includes pediatric patients, over the last 60 month period (including 2800 hours within one 24 month period), verified in writing by the hospital(s) at which the internship and subsequent hours were completed and current AHA-AAP Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) or ACEP-AAP Advanced Pediatric Life Support (APLS) recognition; **or**
3. Completion of professional activities spent in the practice of pediatric emergency medicine (PEM), over the last 60 month period and totaling a minimum of 6000 hours, clearly focused in the care of patients in the pediatric age group (≤ 21 years of age) in the emergency department and demonstrated by the following:
 - a) Of the 6000 hours, 2800 hours must have been accrued in a 24 month (maximum) consecutive period of time;
 - b) A minimum of 4000 of the 6000 hours must have been spent in the clinical practice of PEM. (If practiced in a general ED, only time spent exclusively in pediatric practice can be used for credit);
 - c) The remaining 2000 hours may be spent in either clinical care or a mixture of related nonclinical activities clearly focused on PEM including administration, teaching, prehospital care, quality improvement, research or other academic activities.

HOW TO SUBMIT FOR A PHYSICIAN WAIVER

Submit a letter of waiver request and the following materials for each physician to Paula Atteberry, RN, BSN, Special Programs Coordinator, Division of EMS & Highway Safety, Illinois Department of Public Health, 500 E. Monroe Street, 8th floor, Springfield, IL 62701.

- Documentation of internship completion;
- Proof of compliance with one of the three physician waiver criteria listed above, i.e. letter from the medical staff office from the hospital(s) that the physician has practiced at verifying 7,000 hours of hospital-based emergency medicine practice that includes pediatric patients, over the last 60 month period (including 2800 hours within one 24 month period);
- Supporting documentation to confirm current APLS or PALS certification, i.e. copy of current PALS completion card.

EDAP or SEDP NURSE PRACTITIONER QUALIFICATIONS WAIVER CRITERIA

(EMS Administrative Code, Section 515.4000, b, 1 or Section 515.4010, b, 1)

Nurse practitioners shall have completed a pediatric nurse practitioner program or emergency nurse practitioner program or family practice nurse practitioner program, or the Illinois Department of Public Health will grant a waiver based on meeting all of the following criteria:

1. Completion of 2000 hours of hospital-based emergency department or acute care over the last 24-month period that includes the care of the pediatric patient;
2. An Illinois advanced practice nursing license;
3. Credentialing that reflects orientation, ongoing training and specific competencies in the care of the pediatric emergency patient.
4. Successfully completed and maintains current recognition in one of the following courses: APLS, PALS or the Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course (ENPC);
5. Documentation of a minimum of 16 hours of approved continuing education units in pediatric emergency topics within a 2 year period.

HOW TO SUBMIT FOR A NURSE PRACTITIONER WAIVER

Submit a letter of waiver request and the following materials for each nurse practitioner to Paula Atteberry, RN, BSN, Special Programs Coordinator, Division of EMS & Highway Safety, Illinois Department of Public Health, 500 E. Monroe Street, 8th floor, Springfield, IL 62701.

- Proof of compliance with the hour requirement, i.e. letter from the medical staff office from the hospital(s) that the nurse practitioner has practiced at verifying 2,000 hours of hospital-based emergency department or acute care over the last 24-month period that includes the care of the pediatric patient;
- Documentation of current nurse practitioner license;
- Documentation outlining current credentialing/competency process and criteria;
- Supporting documentation to confirm 16 hours of pediatric emergency continuing education and current APLS or PALS certification, i.e. copy of current PALS completion card, and copies of continuing education certificates.

Please contact Paula Atteberry at 217-785-2083 or Paula.Atteberry@illinois.gov for any questions that you may have regarding the facility recognition waiver process.

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