

Federal ESAR-VHP Credentialing Levels

MSAR is part of a national preparedness program called the Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Care Professionals (ESAR-VHP). ESAR-VHP falls within the Department of Health and Human Services, under the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response (ASPR). All 50 states have been tasked with creating their own secure database of volunteer health professionals who are interested in responding during an emergency. In order to facilitate the potential sharing of resources across state lines, it is essential that each state collect the same information and keep to specific guidance in terms of credentialing volunteers. For this reason MSAR categorizes volunteers into “Levels” by occupation which are consistent with the national guidance. Please click on the professions listed below to see the list of specific credentials or qualifications that need verification prior to assigning volunteers to a credential level.*

If a profession is not listed below that means that the federal ESAR-VHP program has not provided DPH with guidance regarding credential levels for this occupation and you will remain at a level 4, until further guidance is released.

Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRN)

Clinical Social Workers (CSW)

Dentists (DDS)

Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT)

Mental Health Counselors (MHC)

Pharmacists

Physicians (MD and DO)

Physician Assistants (PA)

Psychologists

Registered Nurses (RN)

Respiratory Therapists

Veterinarians

Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians

Diagnostic Medical Sonographers

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and Paramedics

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) and Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN)

Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians (including Plebotomists)

Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists

Medical Records Health Information Technicians

Radiologic Technologists and Technicians

Advance Practice Registered Nurse Credential Elements				
	ESAR-VHP Credential Level			
Credential Element	1	2	3	4
Unencumbered License	✓	✓	✓	
Certification/Registration				
Specialty certification	✓	✓	✓	
Clinically active in a hospital	✓			
Clinically active		✓		
Record of Adverse Reactions				
Inspector General Status	✓	✓	✓	✓
DEA Registration	✓	✓		
Education or Experience				✓

Clinical Social Worker Credential Elements				
	ESAR-VHP Credential Level			
Credential Element	1	2	3	4
Unencumbered License	✓	✓	✓	
Certification/Registration				
Specialty certification				
Clinically active in a hospital	✓			
Clinically active		✓		

Record of Adverse Reactions				
Inspector General Status	✓	✓	✓	✓
DEA Registration				
Education or Experience				✓

Dentist Credential Elements				
	ESAR-VHP Credential Level			
Credential Element	1	2	3	4
Unencumbered License	✓	✓	✓	
Certification/Registration				
Specialty certification				
Clinically active in a hospital	✓			
Clinically active		✓		
Record of Adverse Reactions				
Inspector General Status	✓	✓	✓	✓
DEA Registration	✓	✓		
Education or Experience				✓

Marriage and Family Therapist Credential Elements				
	ESAR-VHP Credential Level			
Credential Element	1	2	3	4
Unencumbered License	✓	✓	✓	
Certification/Registration				
Specialty certification				
Clinically active in a hospital	✓			
Clinically active		✓		
Record of Adverse Reactions				
Inspector General Status	✓	✓	✓	✓
DEA Registration				
Education or Experience				✓

Mental Health Counselor Credential Elements				
	ESAR-VHP Credential Level			
Credential Element	1	2	3	4
Unencumbered License	✓	✓	✓	
Certification/Registration				
Specialty certification				
Clinically active in a hospital	✓			
Clinically active		✓		
Record of Adverse Reactions				
Inspector General Status	✓	✓	✓	✓
DEA Registration				
Education or Experience				✓

Pharmacist Credential Elements				
	ESAR-VHP Credential Level			
Credential Element	1	2	3	4
Unencumbered License	✓	✓	✓	
Certification/Registration				
Specialty certification				
Clinically active in a hospital	✓			
Clinically active		✓		
Record of Adverse Reactions				
Inspector General Status	✓	✓	✓	✓
DEA Registration				
Education or Experience				✓

Physician Credential Elements				
	ESAR-VHP Credential Level			
Credential Element	1	2	3	4
Unencumbered License	✓	✓	✓	

Certification/Registration				
Specialty certification	✓	✓		
Clinically active in a hospital	✓			
Clinically active		✓		
Record of Adverse Reactions	✓	✓	✓	
Inspector General Status	✓	✓	✓	✓
DEA Registration	✓	✓		
Education or Experience				✓

Physician Assistant Credential Elements				
	ESAR-VHP Credential Level			
Credential Element	1	2	3	4
Unencumbered License	✓	✓	✓	
Certification/Registration	✓	✓	✓	
Specialty certification				
Clinically active in a hospital	✓			
Clinically active		✓		
Record of Adverse Reactions	✓	✓	✓	
Inspector General Status	✓	✓	✓	✓
DEA Registration	✓	✓		
Education or Experience				✓

Psychologist Credential Elements				
	ESAR-VHP Credential Level			
Credential Element	1	2	3	4
Unencumbered License	✓	✓	✓	
Certification/Registration				
Specialty certification				
Clinically active in a hospital	✓			
Clinically active		✓		

Record of Adverse Reactions				
Inspector General Status	✓	✓	✓	✓
DEA Registration	✓	✓		
Education or Experience				✓

Registered Nurse Credential Elements				
	ESAR-VHP Credential Level			
Credential Element	1	2	3	4
Unencumbered License	✓	✓	✓	
Certification/Registration				
Specialty certification				
Clinically active in a hospital	✓			
Clinically active		✓		
Record of Adverse Reactions				
Inspector General Status	✓	✓	✓	✓
DEA Registration				
Education or Experience				✓

Respiratory Therapist Credential Elements				
	ESAR-VHP Credential Level			
Credential Element	1	2	3	4
Unencumbered License	✓	✓	✓	
Certification/Registration				
Specialty certification				
Clinically active in a hospital	✓			
Clinically active		✓		
Record of Adverse Reactions				
Inspector General Status	✓	✓	✓	✓
DEA Registration				
Education or Experience				✓

Veterinarian Credential Elements				
	ESAR-VHP Credential Level			
Credential Element	1	2	3	4
Unencumbered License		✓	✓	
Certification/Registration				
Specialty certification				
Clinically active in a hospital				
Clinically active		✓		
Record of Adverse Reactions				
Inspector General Status		✓	✓	✓
DEA Registration		✓		
Education or Experience				✓

Cardiovascular Technologist and Technician Credential Elements				
	ESAR-VHP Credential Level			
Credential Element	1	2	3	4
Unencumbered License	✓	✓	✓	
Certification/Registration	✓	✓	✓	
Specialty certification				
Clinically active in a hospital	✓			
Clinically active		✓		
Record of Adverse Reactions				
Inspector General Status	✓	✓	✓	✓
DEA Registration				
Education or Experience				✓

Diagnostic Medical Sonographer Credential Elements				
	ESAR-VHP Credential Level			
Credential Element	1	2	3	4
Unencumbered License				
Certification/Registration	✓	✓	✓	

Specialty certification				
Clinically active in a hospital	✓			
Clinically active		✓		
Record of Adverse Reactions				
Inspector General Status	✓	✓	✓	✓
DEA Registration				
Education or Experience				✓

Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic Credential Elements				
	ESAR-VHP Credential Level			
Credential Element	1	2	3	4
Unencumbered License		✓	✓	
Certification/Registration				
Specialty certification				
Clinically active in a hospital				
Clinically active		✓		
Record of Adverse Reactions				
Inspector General Status		✓	✓	✓
DEA Registration				
Education or Experience				✓

Licensed Practical Nurse and Licensed Vocational Nurse Credential Elements				
	ESAR-VHP Credential Level			
Credential Element	1	2	3	4
Unencumbered License	✓	✓	✓	
Certification/Registration				
Specialty certification				
Clinically active in a hospital	✓			
Clinically active		✓		
Record of Adverse Reactions				

Inspector General Status	✓	✓	✓	✓
DEA Registration				
Education or Experience				✓

Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technician Credential Elements				
	ESAR-VHP Credential Level			
Credential Element	1	2	3	4
Unencumbered License	✓	✓	✓	
Certification/Registration	✓	✓	✓	
Specialty certification				
Clinically active in a hospital	✓			
Clinically active		✓		
Record of Adverse Reactions				
Inspector General Status	✓	✓	✓	✓
DEA Registration				
Education or Experience				✓

Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologist Credential Elements				
	ESAR-VHP Credential Level			
Credential Element	1	2	3	4
Unencumbered License	✓	✓	✓	
Certification/Registration	✓	✓	✓	
Specialty certification				
Clinically active in a hospital	✓			
Clinically active		✓		
Record of Adverse Reactions				
Inspector General Status	✓	✓	✓	✓
DEA Registration				
Education or Experience				✓

Medical Records and Health Information Technician Credential Elements				
	ESAR-VHP Credential Level			
Credential Element	1	2	3	4
Unencumbered License				
Certification/Registration	✓	✓	✓	
Specialty certification				
Clinically active in a hospital	✓			
Clinically active		✓		
Record of Adverse Reactions				
Inspector General Status	✓	✓	✓	✓
DEA Registration				
Education or Experience				✓

Radiologic Technologist and Technician Credential Elements				
	ESAR-VHP Credential Level			
Credential Element	1	2	3	4
Unencumbered License	✓	✓	✓	
Certification/Registration	✓	✓	✓	
Specialty certification				
Clinically active in a hospital	✓			
Clinically active		✓		
Record of Adverse Reactions				
Inspector General Status	✓	✓	✓	✓
DEA Registration				
Education or Experience				✓

✓ Indicates verified credential

* Please note that these requirements may change due to changes in the federal program guidance.