

Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP)

The Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP) is a federal program created to support states and territories in establishing standardized volunteer registration program for disasters and public health emergencies.

The program, administered on the local level, verifies health professionals' identification and credentials so that they can respond more quickly when disaster strikes. By registering through ESAR-VHP, volunteers; identities, licenses, credentials, accreditations, and hospitals privileges are all verified in advance, saving valuable time in emergency situations.

Why does Guam need ESAR-VHP?

In the wake of disasters and public health emergencies, many of our nation's health professionals are eager and willing to volunteer their services. And in these times of crisis, hospitals, clinics, and temporary shelters are dependent upon the services of health professional volunteers. However, on such short notice, taking advantage of volunteers' time and capabilities presents a major challenge to hospital, public health, and emergency response officials.

For example, immediately after the attacks on September 11, 2001, tens of thousands of people traveled to ground zero in New York City to volunteer and provide medical assistance. In most cases, authorities were unable to distinguish those who were qualified from those who were not, no matter how well intentioned.

There are significant problems associated with registering and verifying the credentials of health professionals volunteers immediately following major disasters or emergencies. Specifically, hospitals and other facilities may be unable to verify basic licensing or credentialing information, including training, skills, competencies, and employment. Further, the loss of telecommunications may prevent contact with sources that provide credential or privileges information.

The goal of the ESAR-VHP program is to eliminate a number of the problems that arise when mobilizing health professional volunteers in an emergency response.

Please indicate if you are interested in the program and would like more information about registering as a volunteer by making the box with a ✓:

YES, I am interested to receive more information about ESAR-VHP.

NO, I am not interested.

PRINT FULL NAME

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

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AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I, _____ (PRINT NAME), hereby authorize Guam Board of Nurse Examiners Office staff to release the following documentation to Guam Memorial Hospital Agency (GMHA) which will be needed to verify the identification and clearance for the GMHA EASR-VHP Volunteers Application. The verification and background records will be attained and include the following documents:

- 1.) Police Clearance
- 2.) Superior Court Clearance
- 3.) Licensure
- 4.) Training Certificate (release the following checked items and other

NRP ACLS NIMS ICS

BLS PALS

Other _____

Signature of Applicant ESAR-VHP Volunteer

Date

Witness by HPLO/EMS Personnel:

Date

Documents released to:

GMHA ESAR-VHP Coordinator

Date

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE GMHA PLANNING DEPARTMENT AT 647-2221.