



Los Angeles County ESAR VHP

Emergency System for Advanced Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals

CRITERIA FOR CREDENTIALING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE LA COUNTY HOSPITAL SURGE TEAM

1. **All volunteers who select the hospital surge team volunteer opportunity *MUST* meet ALL of the following criteria:**
 - a. **MUST** – Have an active, current, unrestricted *California* professional license in their medical, health, or mental health discipline.
 1. ***RETIRED*** professionals that meet the criteria for the Hospital Surge team, **INCLUDING** maintaining current licensure, and have been retired for **LESS** than 4 years can be considered for the Hospital Surge Team. These professionals **MUST** go through the Checkpoint credentials systems. The LA County Credentialing Committee will review the retired volunteer’s credentials and make the final determination on whether or not the volunteer is approved for deployment as a part of the Hospital Surge team.
 - b. **MUST** - currently be on staff or employed at an “acute care” hospital, urgent care, or surgery center in Los Angeles County.
RETIRED professionals must have been employed in at least one of the settings mentioned above within the last four years.
 - c. **MUST** - maintain a current active practice in their discipline.
 - d. **MUST** - be willing to undertake a volunteer assignment to report to a hospital and assist with hospital surge following a disaster or public health emergency.
 - e. **MUST** – be flexible and interested in disaster work
2. **The following professionals will ALWAYS be referred to CHECKPOINT for level 1 credentialing:**

Physician (Doctor of Medicine, M.D. or Doctor of Osteopathy, D.O.)

1. **MUST** – Have hospital privileges at a Los Angeles Area hospital as either:
 - a. Active
 - b. Associate
 - c. Provisional
 - d. Courtesy***RETIRED professionals must have had hospital privileges as mentioned above within the last four years.***

2. We are interested in ALL physician specialties. However, we are particularly interested in physicians with:
 - a. Emergency Department practice
 - b. Surgical subspecialties (trauma, orthopedic)
 - c. Burn care specialty
 - d. Intensivists, Pediatric, OB-GYN, Ophthalmologists, etc.
3. Psychiatrists are also welcome on the hospital surge team if they are currently employed at an acute care hospital

Advance Practice Registered Nurse

Clinical Psychologist

Physician Assistant (PA)

Podiatrist

Ophthalmologist

3. **The following professionals will ALWAYS be “credentialed” by VCLA and DO NOT need to be referred to Checkpoint.**

Chaplain

1. For Hospital Surge, Alternate Care Site, or Burn Surge Teams, a potential Chaplain volunteer must meet the following requirements:
 - a. A certificate showing 4 units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE).
 - b. A Masters of Divinity or Equivalent
 - c. Professional Certification from a Chaplain’s Association is preferred. Certifications are typically from:
 - i. National Association of Catholic Chaplains
 - ii. Association of Professional Chaplains
 - iii. National Association of Jewish Chaplains

Clinical Laboratory Scientist

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (Hospital Social Work Specialty)

Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)

Pharmacist

Pharmacy Technician

Phlebotomist

Radiology Technologist/Technician

Registered Nurse (RN)

Respiratory Therapist

Surgical Technologist

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