

**CHAPTER 1015. QUICK RESPONSE SERVICE
RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

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1015.1. Quick response service.

1015.2. Discontinuation of service.

Authority

The provisions of this Chapter 1015 issued under the Emergency Medical Services Act (35 P. S. §§ 6921—6938), unless otherwise noted.

Source

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§ 1015.1. Quick response service.

(a) *Criteria.* An applicant for recognition as a QRS shall file an application in which it shall commit to the following to receive Department recognition as a QRS:

(1) The applicant will maintain essential equipment and supplies for a QRS, as published by the Department at least annually in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, for immediate use when dispatched.

(2) The applicant has capabilities to be dispatched and to communicate with a responding ambulance service.

(3) EMS it provides will be performed by prehospital personnel or other persons authorized by law to perform the services.

(4) The applicant shall satisfy the requirements applicable to ambulance services in §§ 1001.41 and 1001.42 (relating to data and information requirements for ambulance services; and dissemination of information), for data elements included in an EMS patient care report which the Department designates for completion by a QRS.

(5) The applicant shall provide EMS in compliance with regional medical treatment protocols and the Statewide BLS medical treatment protocols.

(b) *Recognition process.*

(1) An applicant for Department recognition as a QRS shall submit an application on forms prescribed by the Department to the regional EMS council having jurisdiction over the area in which the applicant intends to locate. The application shall contain the following information:

(i) The name and address of the applicant.

(ii) The physical location of the applicant.

(iii) Service affiliations (police department, fire department, ambulance service, or other).

(iv) The service area.

(v) The types and number of vehicles it will employ, if any.

- (vi) Communication access and capabilities of the applicant.
- (vii) A roster of persons who have committed to serve as QRS members, and their qualifications.
- (viii) A summary of how the QRS will interface with ambulance services.
- (ix) Verification that the applicant will satisfy the requirements of subsection (a).
- (x) A statement attesting to the veracity of the application, which shall be signed by the principal official of the applicant.

(2) The regional EMS council shall review the application for completeness and accuracy. It shall return an incomplete application to the applicant within 14 days of receipt.

(3) Upon receipt of a complete application, the regional EMS council shall conduct, within 45 days, an onsite inspection of the applicant to determine whether the applicant satisfies the regulatory criteria for QRS recognition. Deficiencies identified during the inspection shall be documented and made known to the applicant. A reinspection shall be scheduled when the applicant notifies the regional EMS council that the deficiencies have been corrected. The results shall be forwarded to the Department.

(c) *Recognition.*

(1) A certificate of recognition as a QRS will be issued by the Department when it has been determined that requirements for recognition have been met.

(2) The certificate of recognition will specify the name of the QRS, the date of issuance, the date of expiration, the regional EMS council through which the application was processed and the recognition number assigned by the Department.

(3) The QRS may identify a vehicle being utilized for response by applying to the outside of the vehicle a QRS decal issued by the Department

(4) The QRS decal issued by the Department may not be displayed on a vehicle not utilized for response by the QRS.

(5) A certificate of recognition is nontransferable and shall remain valid for 3 years unless withdrawn by the Department due to the QRS failing to continue to meet the standards for recognition as a QRS in subsection (a).

(d) *Renewal of recognition.* A QRS may continue to participate in the Quick Response Service Recognition Program by resubmitting an application in a format prescribed by the Department to the appropriate regional EMS council at least 60 days prior to the expiration date of its certificate of recognition.

§ 1015.2. Discontinuation of service.

A QRS may not discontinue service, except upon order of the Department, without providing each regional EMS council and the chief executive officer of each political subdivision within its service area 90 days advance notice. The QRS shall also advertise notice of its intent to discontinue service in a newspaper of general circulation in its service area at least 90 days in advance of discontinu-

ing service, and shall provide the Department with written notice that it has met these responsibilities at least 90 days in advance of discontinuing service.

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