ESF 8 Public Health and Medical Services

Kansas Personnel Qualifications

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Kansas Disaster Health and Medical Sector Credentials

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Introduction

ESF 8 has partnered with the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) on the development of Kansas Comprehensive Resource Management and Credentialing System (CRMCS). This credentialing system involves providing accountability documentation that identifies, authenticates, and verifies the qualifications of emergency response personnel and equipment. The system recognizes that there are specific certification and licensure requirements for numerous positions and that this licensing and certification authority resides within several state agencies. KDEM is working with the appropriate ESF Coordinators for the development of various portions of the system, specifically the defining of credential roles and requirements. As such, ESF 8 was tasked with defining the roles and requirements of health and medical sector disciplines to be credentialed at the state level. This is a team affair as all of us at the local and state level will be charged with responsibilities related to appropriate resource management.

Kansas has a computer application, the Kansas System for the Early Registration of Volunteers (K-SERV), that performs primary source verification for a number of health and medical sector professions. This verification is done in partnership with Kansas licensing agencies such as the Kansas Board of EMS, Kansas Board of Nursing, Kansas Board of Healing Arts, Kansas Behavioral Health Sciences Regulatory Board, and others. This successful partnership has been developed through the years of K-SERV development and will serve as the base for the ESF 8 portion of the CRMCS program.

During the initial planning of the CRMCS, it has been decided as a policy to utilize K-SERV as the verification source for all licensed, certified, or registered health and medical professionals. This will provide a coordinated repository for credentialed volunteer medical professionals at the state and local level. The CRMCS will electronically connect to the K-SERV to check for valid professional credentials of an individual. When verified, the individual would then be allowed to be issued a Kansas level CRMCS class "M" health credential.

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Classifications

As part of the system, color coded and text classifications will be included on identification cards associated with this system. Licensed and verified health and medical sector personnel will be provided a card with a *green* color scheme and have a, "M" classification on the card to denote the sector. The expiration date to be included on the CRMCS provided card will be the same expiration date as the license/registration/certification information via K-SERV from the applicable primary source agency. Other, non-licensed/registered/certified medical professionals and other staff of medical organizations (EMS, public health, etc) will be issued either a gray badge with a, "G" classification if their organization is government or a brown badge with a, "P" classification if their organization is privately owned.

Color	Classification	Organizations	Disciplines
Green	M	behavioral health	APRN, Dentist, LPN, RN, Therapist, Pharmacist, MD, DO, PA, RT (see attached list for K-SERV credentialed professions)
Gray	G	departments, EMS	Administrative staff, dispatchers, facilities management, materials management, non-K- SERV credentialed medical professionals
Brown	P	EMS organizations, medical	Administrative staff, dispatchers, facilities management, materials management, non-K- SERV credentialed medical professionals

Healthcare Facility Organization Identification Number Development

For the purposes of the Kansas CRMCS Project, the Identity Code (Organizational ID) will be the county's FIPS number for the county in which the facility resides followed by the facility's 10-digit National Provider Identifier (NPI) number.

Credentialing Level Background

To make the most effective use of healthcare workers who may have varying levels of clinical competency, ESF 8 has also developed a system of classifying and assigning medical professionals into one of four, "credential levels." Below is a standard guide for assignment of credentials for licensed or certified professionals, specific criteria for each role and expertise may be found in the matrix located at the end of this document.

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KS Level 1:

ESF 8 created Level 1 to promote an adequate supply of qualified health professionals available to work in times of an emergency. Kansas ESF 8 standards for assignment to Credential Level 1 were modeled from national medical mutual aid models (NIMS and federal ESAR-VHP).

Assignment to Level 1 requires:

- Unrestricted license or certification in the state at the identified level
- Employment at defined organizational type
- Registration in K-SERV

KS Level 2:

Level 2 ensures the availability of highly qualified individuals who may deliver services in a wide variety of settings. Typically, these health professionals possess all the credentials and qualifications of a level one health professional except that the employer definition is varied.

Assignment to Level 2 requires:

- Unrestricted license or certification in the state at the identified level
- Employment at defined organizational type
- Registration in K-SERV

KS Level 3:

Level 3 classifies individuals who meet the basic qualifications necessary to practice in the state in which they are registered.

Assignment to Level 3 requires:

- Unrestricted license or certification in the state at the identified level
- Registration in K-SERV

KS Level 4:

Level 4 classifies individuals who have healthcare experience or education in an area. This level may include, but is not limited to, healthcare students or retired healthcare professionals who no longer hold a license.

Assignment to Level 4 requires:

- Education and experience at an identified level
- Registration in K-SERV

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CRMCS - K-SERV connectivity

To promote a rapid and efficient CRMCS credentialing process, KDHE and KDEM are encouraging health and medical providers to register in K-SERV prior to requesting a CRMCS credential. While all health and medical providers are encouraged to register in K-SERV, KDHE and KDEM are focusing efforts on EMS professionals, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, behavioral health professionals, and therapists.

The following represent the minimum information needed for a health and medical provider to register for K-SERV. Registration may be completed at https://www.kserv.org.

First name:	
Last name:	
Address:	
City:	
State:	
County:	
Zip Code:	
Work Phone:	
Email:	
Birth Date:	
Gender:	
Height:	
Weight:	
Hair Color:	
Eye Color:	
Emergency Contact Name:	
Emergency Contact Relationship:	
Emergency Contact Phone:	
License: (selection of appropriate license(s) held)	
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse	Medical/Clinical Laboratory Technician
Cardiovascular Technologist/Technician	Medical/Clinical Laboratory Technologist
 Clinical Social Worker	Mental Health Counselor
Dentist	Pharmacist Dentist
Diagnostic Medical Sonographer	Physician (DO)
Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic	Physician (MD)
Licensed Practical Nurse	Physician Assistant
Licensed Vocational Nurse	Psychologist
Marriage and Family Therapist	Radiologic Technologist/Technician
Medical Records and Health Information	Registered Nurse
Technician	Respiratory Therapist
	Veterinarian

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Provision of Hospital, Clinically Department, and Service Active Information

The evidence needed to confirm the hospital, department, organization, or clinically active\ status of health and medical professionals are:

Hospital Active – Verification of employment or privileges (for physicians, etc.) and profession at a hospital facility (i.e., MD, DO, RN, RT, MICT, etc.)

Department Active – Verification of employment (including volunteer staff) and license/certification at a department (i.e., EMT, MICT, RN, etc.)

Organization Active – Verification of employment (including volunteer staff) and license/certification at an organization (i.e., EMT, LPN, RT, MD, etc.)

Clinically Active – Verification of employment (including volunteer staff) and license/certification at a clinic (i.e., EMT, LPN, RT, MD, etc.)

Kansas ESF 8 recognizes that many of these professionals are already on-staff at medical sector organizations. In the attempt to ease the burden of reporting active staff members to KDHE for KS-Level credentialing, KDHE will accept a current organizational roster with associated staff certification/licensing levels as proof for all listed individuals verification of employment and/or privileging. For organizations taking advantage of this opportunity, send a roster including staff members names and corresponding certification/licensing level on organizational letterhead to:

KDHE-BCHS K-SERV Verification Coordinator 1000 SW Jackson St, Suite 340 Topeka, Kansas 66612

Rapid tags for K-SERV Unaffiliated Volunteers

For K-SERV unaffiliated volunteers who will not be issued a card prior to an incident, the following steps should be followed to provide an identification card once on scene:

- If and when K-SERV is activated, a generated list of available volunteers will be provided to the local emergency manager or requesting entity.
- The K-SERV volunteer will arrive on scene; he or she will provide identification (Driver's License, other photo identification). This will be verified with the list of accepted volunteers.
- A rapid tag will be generated for the K-SERV volunteer.

If an MRC Unit Coordinator is on scene, it is encouraged for the coordinator to discuss with the volunteer about joining the MRC. This allows the K-SERV volunteer to be part of the organization. This will allow for the K-SERV volunteer to get a CRMCS card/badge for future deployments.

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Credentialing Matrix

The table below defines, per profession, the information that must be collected, verified, and then used in assigning a medical professional to a credential level.

The left-hand column displays the various health and medical care professions. *Those highlighted in green are those professions that must be verified through K-SERV.* Listed along the top row are the Kansas credential levels available for medical sector professionals. The middle fields show, by profession, which credential elements are necessary for that column's credential level. For example, for physicians to be credentialed at KS-Level 1, an unencumbered, current, professional license, professional specialty certification, and verification of hospital privileges are necessary. For the green shaded professions, once the data have been verified and the verification has been input on the K-SERV website, K-SERV will automatically calculate the credential level of the medical professional based on the verified data. If a state cannot verify all the credentials needed to assign the individual to one of the four levels for a green shaded profession, the individual cannot be provided a KS-Level CRMCS card/badge with the credential indicated.

equirements Current certification as an EMR with KS	Requirements • Current certification	Requirements	Requirements
BEMS Verified Ambulance Service Active Registration in K-SERV as EMR dentification Code for	as an EMR with KS BEMS Non-Ambulance Department Active* Registration in K-SERV as EMR Identification Code for	 Current certification as an EMR with KS BEMS Registration in K-SERV as EMR Not affiliated with any agency providing EMS care Identification Code for CRMCS card:	 Education and experience as an EMR but not currently certified (i.e. retired) Registration in K-SERV as EMR Identification Code for CRMCS card:
S_EMR_1	KS_EMR_2	KS_EMR_3	KS_EMR_4
equirements Current certification as an EMT with KS BEMS Verified Ambulance Service Active Registration in K-SERV as EMT	Requirements Current certification as an EMT with KS BEMS Non-Ambulance Department Active* Registration in K-SERV as EMT	Requirements Current certification as an EMT with KS BEMS Registration in K-SERV as EMT Not affiliated with any agency providing EMS care	Requirements • Education and experience as an EMT but not currently certified (i.e. retired) • Registration in K-SERV as EMT
dentification Code for RMCS card:	Identification Code for CRMCS card:	Identification Code for CRMCS card:	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_EMT_4
S HE R S HE R	Service Active Registration in K-SERV as EMR entification Code for RMCS card: 5_EMR_1 equirements Current certification as an EMT with KS BEMS Verified Ambulance Service Active Registration in K-SERV as EMT entification Code for RMCS card: 5_EMT_1	Department Active* Registration in K-SERV as EMR entification Code for RMCS card: GEMR_1 Equirements Current certification as an EMT with KS BEMS Verified Ambulance Service Active Registration in K-SERV as EMT entification Code for Current certification as an EMT with KS BEMS Verified Ambulance Service Active Registration in K-SERV as EMT entification Code for RMCS card: KS_EMR_2 Requirements • Current certification as an EMT with KS BEMS • Non-Ambulance Department Active* • Registration in K-SERV as EMT Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_EMT_2	Department Active* Registration in K-SERV as EMR Registration Code for CRMCS card: RMCS card: REGISTRATION CODE FOR CRMCS card: REQUIREMENTS REQUIREMENTS CURRENT COURTER CERTIFICATION as an EMT with KS BEMS REGISTRATION IN K-SERV as EMT REGISTRATION CODE FOR CRMCS card: REGISTRATION IN K-SERV as EMT REGISTRATION IN K-SERV as EMT REGISTRATION CODE FOR CRMCS card: REGISTRATION IN K-SERV as EMT REQUIREMENTS RE

^{*}Non-Ambulance Department Active includes those responders that are certified as EMS providers but EMS is not their primary role including Sheriff, Fire, Police and Highway Patrol.

Expertise	KS Level 1	KS Level 2	KS Level 3	KS Level 4
Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT)	Requirements Current certification as an AEMT with KS BEMS Verified Ambulance Service Active Registration in K-SERV as AEMT Identification Code for CRMCS card:	Requirements Current certification as an AEMT with KS BEMS Non-Ambulance Department Active* Registration in K-SERV as AEMT Identification Code for CRMCS card:	Requirements Current certification as an AEMT with KS BEMS Registration in K-SERV as AEMT Not affiliated with any agency providing EMS care Identification Code for CRMCS card:	Requirements • Education and experience as an AEMT but not currently certified (i.e. retired) • Registration in K-SERV as AEMT Identification Code for CRMCS card:
	KS_AEMT_1	KS_AEMT_2	KS_AEMT_3	KS_AEMT_4
Paramedic (MICT)	Requirements Current certification as an MICT with KS BEMS Verified Ambulance Service Active Registration in K-SERV as MICT	Requirements Current certification as an MICT with KS BEMS Non-Ambulance Department Active* Registration in K-SERV as MICT	Requirements Current certification as an MICT with KS BEMS Registration in K-SERV as MICT Not affiliated with any agency providing EMS care	Requirements • Education and experience as an MICT but not currently certified (i.e. retired) • Registration in K-SERV as MICT
	Identification Code for CRMCS card:	Identification Code for CRMCS card:	Identification Code for CRMCS card:	Identification Code for CRMCS card:
	KS_MICT_1	KS_MICT_2	KS_MICT_3	KS_MICT_4

^{*}Non-Ambulance Department Active includes those responders that are certified as EMS providers but EMS is not their primary role including Sheriff, Fire, Police and Highway Patrol.

Expertise	KS Level 1	KS Level 2	KS Level 3	KS Level 4
Physician	Requirements • Unencumbered, current, professional license • Professional specialty certification • Hospital active • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Unencumbered, current, professional license • Professional specialty certification • Clinically active • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Unencumbered, current, professional license • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Education and experience in profession but not currently licensed (i.e., retired) • Registration in K-SERV
	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_PHY_1	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_PHY_2	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_PHY_3	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_PHY_4
Pharmacist	Requirements • Current, professional license • Hospital active • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Current, professional license • Clinically active • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Current, professional license • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Education and experience in profession but not currently licensed (i.e., retired) • Registration in K-SERV
	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_PHARM_1	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_PHARM_2	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_PHARM_3	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_PHARM_4

Expertise	KS Level 1	KS Level 2	KS Level 3	KS Level 4
Dentist	Requirements • Unencumbered, current, professional license • Hospital active • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Unencumbered, current, professional license • Clinically active • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Unencumbered, current, professional license • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Education and experience in profession but not currently licensed (i.e., retired) • Registration in K-SERV
	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS DDS 1	Identification Code for CRMCS card:	Identification Code for CRMCS card:	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_DDS_4
	Requirements	Requirements	Requirements	Requirements
Veterinarian (Can be K-SERV verified; located in ESF 11 within ResourceMGR Web)	 Unencumbered, current, professional license Professionally active Certified Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician Registration in K-SERV 	 Unencumbered, current, professional license Clinically active Registration in K-SERV 	 Unencumbered, current, professional license Registration in K-SERV 	 Education and experience in profession but not currently licensed (i.e., retired) Registration in K-SERV
	Identification Code for CRMCS card:	Identification Code for CRMCS card:	Identification Code for CRMCS card:	Identification Code for CRMCS card:
	KS_DVM_1	KS_DVM_2	KS_DVM_3	KS_DVM_4

Expertise	KS Level 1	KS Level 2	KS Level 3	KS Level 4
Physician Assistant	Requirements • Unencumbered, current, professional license • Certification / registration • Hospital active • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Unencumbered, current, professional license • Certification / registration • Clinically active • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Unencumbered, current, professional license • Certification / registration • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Education and experience in profession but not currently licensed (i.e., retired) • Registration in K-SERV
	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_PA_1	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_PA_2	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_PA_3	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_PA_4
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse	Requirements • Unencumbered, current, professional license • Hospital active • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Unencumbered, current, professional license • Clinically active • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Unencumbered, current, professional license • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Education and experience in profession but not currently licensed (i.e., lapsed or exempt) • Registration in K-SERV
	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_APRN_1	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_APRN_2	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_APRN_3	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_APRN_4

Expertise	KS Level 1	KS Level 2	KS Level 3	KS Level 4
Registered Nurse	Requirements • Unencumbered, current, professional license • Hospital active • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Unencumbered, current, professional license • Clinically active • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Unencumbered, current, professional license • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Education and experience in profession but not currently licensed (i.e., lapsed or exempt) • Registration in K-SERV
	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_RN_1	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_RN_2	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_RN_3	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_RN_4
Licensed Practical Nurse & Licensed Vocational Nurse	Requirements • Unencumbered, current, professional license • Hospital active • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Unencumbered, current, professional license • Clinically active • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Unencumbered, current, professional license • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Education and experience in profession but not currently licensed (i.e., lapsed or exempt) • Registration in K-SERV
	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_LPN_1	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_LPN_2	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_LPN_3	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_LPN_4

Expertise	KS Level 1	KS Level 2	KS Level 3	KS Level 4
Marriage & Family Therapist	Requirements Current LCMFT (Licensed Clinical Marriage & Family Therapist) license Clinically active Registration in K-SERV	Requirements Current LMFT (Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist) license Clinically active Registration in K-SERV	Requirements Current LCMFT or LMFT license Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Education and experience in profession but not currently licensed (i.e., retired) • Registration in K-SERV
	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_MFT_1	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_MFT_2	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_MFT_3	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_MFT_4
Social Worker	Requirements Current LSCSW (Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker) license Clinically active Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Current LMSW (Licensed Master Social Work) license • Clinically active • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements Current LSCSW, LMSW or LBSW (Licensed Bachelor Social Work) license Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Education and experience in profession but not currently licensed (i.e., retired) • Registration in K-SERV
	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_LSW_1	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_LSW_2	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_LSW_3	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_LSW_4

Expertise	KS Level 1	KS Level 2	KS Level 3	KS Level 4
Mental Health Counselor	Requirements Current LCPC (Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor) license Clinically active Registration in K-SERV	Requirements Current LPC (Licensed Professional Counselor) license Clinically active Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Current LCPC or LPC license • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Education and experience in profession but not currently licensed (i.e., retired) • Registration in K-SERV
	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_MHC_1	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_MHC_2	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_MHC_3	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_MHC_4
Psychologist	Requirements Current LP (Licensed Psychologist) or LCP (Licensed Clinical Psychotherapist) license Clinically active Registration in K-SERV	Requirements Current LMLP (Licensed Master's Level Psychology) license Clinically active Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Current LP, LCP or LMLP license • Registration in K-SERV	Requirements • Education and experience in profession but not currently licensed (i.e., retired) • Registration in K-SERV
	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_PSYC_1	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_PSYC_2	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_PSYC_3	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_PSYC_4

Expertise	KS Level 1	KS Level 2	KS Level 3	KS Level 4
Epidemiologist	Requirements	Requirements	Requirements	Requirements
(cannot be K-SERV verified)	Health Officer	• CDC/CSTE Tier 3 –	 CDC/CSTE Tier 2 – 	• CDC/CSTE Tier 1 –
	designation within	Senior Level Epi	Mid-level Epi	Frontline Epi
	their organization	competency	competency	competency
	Experience leading			
	epidemiological			
	investigations			
	Identification Code for	Identification Code for	Identification Code for	Identification Code for
	CRMCS card:	CRMCS card:	CRMCS card:	CRMCS card:
	Citivies cara.	Chivics card.	Chivics card.	Civics card.
	KS_EPI_1	KS_EPI_2	KS_EPI_3	KS_EPI_4
Disease Investigator	Requirements	Requirements	Requirements	Requirements
(cannot be K-SERV verified)	 Active in-field disease investigation job work experience greater than 5 years 	 Active in-field disease investigation job work experience less than 5 years 	,	 Questionnaire via phone disease investigation job duties less than 5 years
	Identification Code for CRMCS card:	Identification Code for CRMCS card:	Identification Code for CRMCS card:	Identification Code for CRMCS card:
	KS_ DSINV_1	KS_ DSINV_2	KS_DSINV_3	KS_DSINV_4

Expertise	KS Level 1	KS Level 2	KS Level 3	KS Level 4
Environmental Health Specialist (cannot be K-SERV verified)	Requirements Specialized environmental health certification (REHS/RS, HHS, CP-FS, RHSS or similar) Bachelor's or higher education Professional experience in an environmental or environmental health job greater than 5 years FEMA EHTER	Requirements • Specialized environmental health certification (REHS/RS, HHS, CP-FS, RHSS or similar) • Bachelor's or higher education • Professional experience in an environmental or environmental health job greater than 5 years	Requirements • Associates degree • Professional experience in an environmental or environmental health job greater than 5 years	Requirements • High school diploma • Professional experience in an environmental or environmental health job less than 5 years
	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_EHS_1	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_EHS_2	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_EHS_3	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_ EHS_4

Expertise	KS Level 1	KS Level 2	KS Level 3	KS Level 4
Expertise Behavioral Health Worker, Unlicensed (cannot be K-SERV verified)	Requirements Bachelor's degree in Social work, Psychology, Human services Currently working in mental health organization Completed FEMA Core-like, Psychological First Aid, or Kansas All Hazards Behavioral	Requirements Bachelor's degree in unrelated discipline Currently working in mental health organization Completed FEMA Core, FEMA Core-like, Psychological First Aid, or Kansas All Hazards Behavioral Health training	Requirements Associate Degree 4 years experience in mental health related employment Currently employed in a human services field Completed FEMA Core, FEMA Core-like, Psychological First Aid, or Kansas All Hazards Behavioral Health training	Requirements Retired from mental health related employment Completed FEMA Core-like, Psychological First Aid, or Kansas All Hazards Behavioral Health training
	Health training Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_BHW_1	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_BHW_2	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_BHW_3	Identification Code for CRMCS card: KS_BHW_4