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Maine EMS Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program Overview

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The Maine EMS for Children program is a federally funded through a U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant, which was awarded in 2018 to the State of Maine. Its aim is to reduce pediatric disability and death from illness or injury through education and resources for healthcare professionals and the general public. We collaborate with EMS and emergency departments throughout Maine on preparation, response, assessment, care, and transport of those under 18 years of age. These efforts are not limited to 911 emergency responses, but also the interfacility transport of patients from one hospital to another. In the past three years, the EMSC program/EMSC Program Manager has:

- Implemented new Maine EMS protocols for the safe transport of pediatric patients in ambulances.
- Conducted in-person and online pediatric education at the local, regional, and state level.
- Hired the first statewide pediatric medical director.
- Published new system wide data and quality improvement reports on pediatric EMS responses.
- Provided comparative analysis of local EMS training efforts compared to state and national metrics.
- Provided comparative analysis of hospital emergency department preparation and resources for treating pediatric patients to state and national metrics.
- Collaborated with New York, New Jersey and all New England states to develop a North East “Always Ready for Children” recognition program.
- Awarded “Stork Awards” for prehospital baby deliveries to 47 individuals, 11 EMS agencies, 5 dispatch centers, and 2 police departments.
- Represented Maine as the chair of the Eastern United States Pediatric Care Council.
- Been appointed to the Executive Council of the National Association of EMS Officials Pediatric Council.
- Been appointed as the primary pediatric representative to the National Association of EMS Physicians Ground Ambulance Committee.
- Been appointed the alternate representative to the National Association of EMS Physicians National Pediatric Care Council.
- Published a national consensus statement on recommended pediatric equipment for all US ambulances.

Pediatric EMS Responses by Type	
Type of Response	Response Count
Emergency Response	7,459
Interfacility Transport	2,983
Community Paramedicine/Other	21
Total	10,463

Currently, the Maine EMSC program subsists entirely on federal funding, without state level contribution.

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