

April 3, 2019

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education & Related Agencies  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole:

As organizations that care deeply about the health and safety of our nation's children, we write to request that you provide \$22,334,000 in funding for the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program at the Health Resources and Services Administration in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Labor, HHS, Education (LHHS) appropriations bill.

The EMSC program has made landmark improvements to the emergency care delivered to our children all across the nation. As the only federal program dedicated to improving emergency care for children, EMSC has brought vital attention and resources to an otherwise neglected population.

Every state has received EMSC funds, which they have used to ensure that hospitals and ambulances are properly equipped to treat pediatric emergencies, to provide pediatric training to paramedics and first responders, and to improve the systems that allow for efficient, effective pediatric emergency medical care. Additionally, EMSC funding has helped to improve pediatric capacity and transport of pediatric patients and address emerging issues such as pediatric emergency care readiness through the National Pediatric Readiness Project and pediatric emergency medical services in rural and remote areas. Initiated in 2016, the EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center is working to accelerate improvements in the quality of care and outcomes for children who are in need of urgent or emergency care through an infrastructure that ensures routine, integrated coordination of quality improvement activities

We are aware of the tough choices appropriators face in the current fiscal environment, and appreciate continued funding of the program. As you prepare the FY 2020 LHHS appropriations bill, we respectfully request that you fund the EMSC program at \$22,334,000—its currently appropriated amount.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you to improve emergency medical services for children across our nation.

Sincerely,

Academic Pediatric Association  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Ambulance Association  
American College of Emergency Physicians  
American Pediatric Society  
American Pediatric Surgical Association  
Association of Critical Care Transport  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department  
Chairs  
Child Care Aware of America  
Children's Health Fund  
Children's Hospital Association  
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
Danny's Dose Alliance  
Emergency Nurses Association

Family Voices  
March of Dimes  
NAEMT  
National Association of County and City Health  
Officials  
National Association of EMS Physicians  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of State EMS Officials  
National EMS Management Association  
National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)  
Nemours Children's Health System  
Pediatric Policy Council  
Primary Children's Hospital  
Society for Pediatric Research  
The National Alliance to Advance Adolescent  
Health  
The Paramedic Foundation