



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
Health Resources and Services Administration

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Maternal and Child Health Bureau  
Rockville, MD 20857

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Dear EMSC Grantee Community Members,

On behalf of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program, we are pleased to invite you to the upcoming **2019 EMSC All Grantee Meeting: A Journey to Improve Pediatric Emergency Care**. The meeting will be held from August 20-23, 2019, at the Crystal City Hilton in Arlington, Virginia. You will be able to register for the conference and reserve your room [by clicking here](#).

As we celebrate the EMSC Program's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and the significant accomplishments made by our Program grantees on behalf of pediatric emergency care, come prepared for a wonderful few days of learning, networking with colleagues, and enjoying all the meeting has to offer. EMSC grantees may use their current budget to purchase airline tickets and hotel sleeping rooms, ***(please keep in mind that pre and post conference participation may require you to travel in early or depart later than originally planned)***. The EIIC has reserved a block of rooms within the federal government rate of \$179.00 for those needing the per diem rate.

As a reminder, the requirement to attend the EMSC All Grantee Meeting is as follows from the Notice of Funding Opportunity HRSA 18-063:

*"The All-EMSC grantee meeting will be held every other year during the 2019 and 2021 EMSC fiscal years. You must budget for at least three program representatives (the project director or EMSC medical director, program manager, and FAN representative) to attend this meeting. Should any of the EMSC representatives not be available to attend, please contact HRSA staff immediately to discuss alternate state representatives. Appropriate alternate representatives may include active members of the state EMSC advisory committee. Include costs for travel to the Washington, D.C. area for at least 4 nights/5 days. Include associated travel costs to include airfare, lodging, local transportation, and per diem. All budgeted costs for this meeting may not be used for any other purpose, unless approved by HRSA."*

**Please note, the Program is requiring attendees to reserve sleeping rooms at the Crystal City Hilton and not at *any* other local hotels.** This will ensure that the room block will be fully

utilized and no penalties will be charged to the HRSA EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center (EIIC) for unused rooms. **Please note the room block will close on Friday, July 19, 2019.**

This year we will be offering both pre and post meeting workshops and trainings, a poster/storyboard session (open to all) with reception, and updates from the Pediatric Readiness Quality Collaborative (PRQC), the Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) Learning Collaborative, EMSC Pediatric Emergency Care

Applied Research Network findings, State Partnership and Targeted Issues updates and best practices, and the Family Advisory Network (FAN).

We have a very full and exciting few days planned, and would like to thank our *2019 Meeting Steering Committee* members for their generous donation of time, enthusiasm, and invaluable input to the agenda:

Amanda Perry, LA SP

Gail Gibson, LA SP

Katherine Hert, AL SP

Rachel Ford, OR SP

Tracy Cleary, KS SP

Cyndy Wright-Johnson, MD SP

Karen Moore, SC SP

Laurie Warnock, NH FAN

Sandy Nasca, FL FAN

LeAnn Dominoski-Kellar, ND FAN

Kim Mears, IN FAN

Whitney Levano- UT FAN

Nanfi Lubogo, CT FAN

Julie Johnson, LA FAN

Melissa Winger, MN FAN

The EIIC will be working with CAPCE, the Commission on Accreditation for Prehospital Continuing Education (formerly CECBEMS) to offer continuing education credits for some of the sessions.

Similar to recent EMSC Program meetings, we will utilize the meeting app “Guidebook” to handle all of the meeting details including the agenda, special events, speaker bio’s, PowerPoint presentations and the like. Use of Guidebook allows for the most up-to-date, real time, meeting information to be at your fingertips. The Guidebook also allows us to provide session room assignments, last minute changes to the agenda, and lessens the burden of a paper-based meeting.

We look forward to seeing you soon, and please contact your HRSA Project Officer with any questions.

Sincerely,

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