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News Release

NASEMSO SUPPORTS NEW NATIONAL EMSC INNOVATION & IMPROVEMENT CENTER

June 10, 2016 (Falls Church, Va.) The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) is pleased to announce that beginning July 1, 2016, an Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Innovation and Improvement Center (EIIC) will be launched to oversee and develop new initiatives to optimize and improve pediatric emergency care nationwide. NASEMSO will collaborate in this effort as a key stakeholder, along with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA).

The EIIC, will be based in Houston, Texas with a four-year cooperative agreement from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) EMSC Program, within the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, awarded to the Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) and Texas Children's Hospital. The EMSC EIIC executive leadership team includes Dr. Charles Macias, MD, MPH (Executive Director), Krisanne Graves, PhD, RN (Coordinator), Dr. Manish Shah (BCM) and Dr. Kate Remick (Seton Healthcare). The EIIC will leverage systems integration, innovation, evidence generation, quality improvement, infrastructure development, and accountability to drive reductions in pediatric mortality and morbidity, and improve outcomes across the continuum of care for ill and injured children in urgent and emergent care settings. Over 27 million children in the United States visit emergency centers each year, with almost 2 million of those visits arriving to the hospital by EMS.

The new EIIC is a historic partnership between an academic center and HRSA. Using a clinical systems integration framework with input from subject matter experts and stakeholder organizations, the EIIC will provide EMSC grantees and the emergency care community with the training, support, and tools to use quality improvement (QI) methodologies to minimize morbidity and mortality in children who have sustained severe illness or injury.

The EIIC will support work to optimize pediatric emergency care by:

- Identifying evidence-based, evidence-informed, and innovative strategies and tools to improve pediatric emergency medical services;
- Educating the broader EMSC community of these strategies and tools; and
- Developing and implementing QI collaboratives to advance and improve EMSC performance measures and healthcare outcomes.

NASEMSO, a long-time EMSC advocate, will provide expertise and assistance with EIIC activities through its Pediatric Emergency Care Council (PECC) to foster QI collaboratives, establish a National Pediatric ED Facility Recognition program for states, and to improve pediatric readiness through pediatric equipment, training, QI process and systems improvement.

“NASEMSO remains committed to the EMSC program and is excited about the EIIC collaboration between Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Children’s. This partnership will re-enforce the EMSC program and augment the support system for State Partnership Program Managers. NASEMSO believes, as we work together, this new quality improvement focused system will help improve patient care for pediatrics across this country.” Paul Patrick, NASEMSO President.

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