

April 1, 2014

The Honorable Tom Harkin  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and  
Human Services, Education,  
and Related Agencies  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jerry Moran  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and  
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Dear Chairman Harkin and Ranking Member Moran:

As organizations that care deeply about the health and safety of our nation's children, we would like to urge you to restore funding for the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program at the Health Resources and Services Administration to \$21,116,000 in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Labor, HHS, Education (LHHS) appropriations bill.

Currently celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year, 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 and pediatric emergency medical services in rural and remote areas.

We are aware the tough choices appropriators face in the current fiscal environment, and appreciate continued funding of the program. As you prepare the FY 15 LHHS appropriations bill, we respectfully request that you restore funding of the EMSC program to \$21,116,000.

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

Sincerely,

**National Organizations**

American Academy of Pediatrics  
American College of Emergency Physicians  
American Red Cross  
Children's Hospital Association  
Emergency Nurses Association  
National Association of School Nurses  
National Association of State EMS Officials

## **State and Local Organizations**

### **California**

UC Davis Health System

### **Iowa**

University of Iowa Children's Hospital

University of Iowa Department of Emergency  
Medicine

University of Iowa Stead Family Department of  
Pediatrics

### **Illinois**

St. Mary's Hospital

### **Missouri**

Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics – Kansas City

### **North Carolina**

Duke Children's Hospital and Health Center

Duke University Hospital

### **Pennsylvania**

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

### **Texas**

Texas Children's Hospital

### **Utah**

Primary Children's Hospital

### **Wisconsin**

Medical College of Wisconsin