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**Reference:** Letter of Support to HRSA-16-053, EMSC Targeted Issues Grant Application ***Pediatric Performance Measures: Improving EMS Care for Time-critical Illness and Injury***

Dear Dr. Brice,

A primary goal of the National Association of State EMS Officials is to help EMS Systems measure and improve the quality of care at the local, regional, state, and national levels. We engage a wide range of EMS Stakeholders to develop performance measures related to NEMSIS and relevant to EMS agencies, regulators, and patients. With direct ties to and investment in North Carolina's EMS community, we gladly submit this letter of support in response to the HRSA-16-053 EMSC Targeted Issues Grant application titled ***Pediatric Performance Measures: Improving EMS Care for Time-critical Illness and Injury***.

Understanding the goals and objectives of this unique proposal to target EMS pediatric care performance in North Carolina, the National Association of State EMS Officials looks forward the work of the Department of Emergency Medicine at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to improve EMS performance measures. With this study that will bring access to feedback tools and educational support to nine EMS Systems in North Carolina, we hope this project will prove successful and grow to a state-wide initiative.

With our support and connection to the larger EMS community in North Carolina, we stand willing to aid the Department of Emergency Medicine at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in your pursuit of improving care for pediatric sepsis, airway failure, and trauma patients in the prehospital setting. Working together, we will be able to target and greatly improve prehospital care for our children.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for your proposal, ***Pediatric Performance Measures: Improving EMS Care for Time-critical Illness and Injury***. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you on this important topic in the near future.

Sincerely,