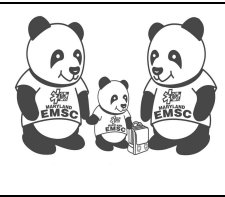




Maryland Emergency Medical Services for Children Family Advisory Council Letter



Dear Regional EMS Council Member and PEMAC members:

Since 2000, the state EMSC program has had a family advocate on our state Pediatric Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (PEMAC) who has attended state and national meetings to network with other states. This fall we are expanding the EMSC program to include a Family Advisory Committee that represents the needs of Maryland. We want to facilitate the inclusion of family representatives in our state EMSC program. Family members contribute to state program activities in numerous ways including participating in special community outreach projects, assisting with the development and implementation of EMSC policy objectives, and helping to plan, present, and promote educational offerings across Maryland.

Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) is both a national and a state program that focuses on the unique needs of children and is designed to reduce childhood death and disability due to severe illness or injury. The Maryland EMSC program's mission is to provide the leadership, direction, expertise, and coordination of resources that focus on the unique needs of children and their families in a manner that facilitates the efficient and effective delivery of out of hospital, hospital, and restorative care throughout the state. These resources include injury and illness prevention, clinical protocols, standards of care and facility regulations, quality improvement initiatives, interagency collaboration, and initial and continuing education for providers across the continuum of care that will promote the health and well-being of children in Maryland.

We are requesting that you provide us with recommendations for membership on this FAN Council from your community so that they may share their experiences and influence care for children. Please provide this attached application to those you would be willing to recommend. If you are interested in learning more about the committee please contact the EMSC program at 410- 706 -1758. If you have questions about the committee, please feel free to contact us at either number or email to FAN@miemss.org. Thank you for helping to promote this new opportunity to speak up for children.

Mary Ellen Wilson

Please return completed forms to the EMS for Children Program at MIEMSS

Attention:

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Family Representative
EMSC program @ MIEMSS
653 West Pratt St. Baltimore Maryland
Fax 410-706-3660



Maryland residents who have used emergency medical services for a child and want their experience to influence the future care of children and families across the state!

You are receiving this application to become a founding member of the Maryland Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Family Advisory Committee (FAC) because of your family's recent experience with some aspect of emergency medical services for children. Our hope is that the care your child and family received met or exceeded your expectations, but we recognize that in many cases, there are ways the staff, system, or services could be better. The FAC is being formed so that families' experiences and their ideas for improving emergency medical services for children have a voice in the state of Maryland.

The founding members will have several important responsibilities including:

- 1) developing a regular meeting schedule and member guidelines;
- 2) creating a mission and vision; and
- 3) establishing annual goals that focus on addressing the unique needs of children and their families as recipients of emergency services in Maryland.

If you are interested in being considered as an FAC member, please complete the attached application. Once received by the EMSC program, it will be reviewed and you will be contacted by the EMSC Family Representative for additional information.

Thank you for considering this important chance to help shape the future of emergency medical services for children and their families in the state of Maryland.

Your experience is our

PRICELESS REWARD!



**Emergency Medical Services for Children
Family Advisory Council
Application**



Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Child's (Patient's) Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone - Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

What is the best way to contact you? (Home, work, cell or email?) _____

Please tell us about your experience with emergency medical services for your child. (approximate date of event, location, what happened that required EMS, EMS providers involved, how child was transported to hospital, etc.)

Please list the name of a person who refer you or be willing to support your nomination as an FAC member: _____

Affiliation/Relationship to you: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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