



Pediatric Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

January 7, 2026 @ 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

653 West Pratt Street - Room 212

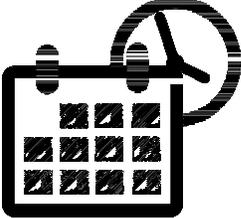
Baltimore, MD 21201

In Person & Virtual Meeting

Type of meeting:	Pediatric Emergency Medical Advisory Committee Business meeting 9:30 AM -12:00 PM Pediatric EMS Champion Forum 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM	
	Option to join remotely for this meeting is the standard PEMAC link, see below: Web & Audio: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/428040181 Phone: 1 (786) 535-3211 Access Code: 428-040-181	
Member & Liaison Attendees	Cyndy Wright Johnson RN, Danielle Joy RN, Mary Ellen Wilson RN, Jen Anders MD, Richard High EMT, Laurel Moody RN, Jonathan Longest NRP, Liz Berg RN, Jessica Williams RN,	
Virtual	Andy Robertson NPR, Rupal Udeshi MD, Corina Noje MD, Steve White MD, Bruce Klein MD, Scott Legore NRP, Laurel Moody RN, Dwayne Kitis CRTI, Jen Denault RN, Lisa Wilson EMT	
Guests:		
RSVP regrets:	Susanne Ogaitis-Jones MSPH, Karen O'Connell MD, Lisa Opel RN, Ryan Stacey NRP	
	Agenda & Approved Minutes	
9:30 AM	Welcome & Introductions 1. Member Roll Call and brief introduction of visitors & guest 2. List of Documents, Liaison & Committee Reports 3. Volunteer present in Room 212 to monitor the CHAT – Danielle Joy	Cynthia Wright Johnson RN
9:35 AM	PEMAC Business: 1. Review of November 2025 Minutes : Motion by Laurel Moody, Second by Jen Guyther, unanimous approval. 2. 2026 Meeting Schedule posted and e-appointments sent to all members. Reminder that May meeting will be In Person Only. 3. Vacancy: Region 1 Pediatric Medical Director 4. Thank you to Andy Robertson who has been the MIEMSS Regional Administrator on PEMAC for many years. He is moving to a new position and Dwayne Kitis will cover for the Regional Program offices. 5. Membership requirement is attendance @ 3 in-person meetings	Rick High NRP Cyndy Wright Johnson RN
9:45 AM	PEMAC January 2026 Consent Agenda: 1. EMSC & Safe Kids Update – handout 2. Pediatric Readiness Update – handout 3. 2026 Educational Conference List – handout from November 4. Educational Flyers: STABLE and Pediatric Ready 2026 5. CPS & OP Grant Update – handout 6. Injury Prevention updates & links listed within the agenda	EMSC Department Staff Team

	Research and Pediatric DART - QI Metrics <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research project update (CNH & Prince George's) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. PediDOSE – update anticipated at Peds DART in February b. PediPART - update anticipated at Peds DART in February 2. Pediatric QI Project with EMS Champions is focused on Trauma Destination for pediatric Alpha, Bravo, Charlie patients. 	Jen Anders MD
10:30 AM	PM 03: Family Centered Care Sub Committee <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Right Care Awards for 2026– application OPEN and ongoing Due Date: February 1st annually 2. FAN committee recruitment ongoing with eastern shore recruitment at Winterfest. 3. 2025-2026 funding for new educational material: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Park, Look, Lock / ACT – prevention of vehicle hyperthermia b. Safe Sleep – with new language preferred by parents 4. Planning for MSFA Steps to Safety 2026 will start in early spring 5. Update from National FAN (EICC work) – waiting for February meeting. 	Lisa Wilson EMT
10:45 AM	PM 04: Disaster Preparedness: there are no updates at this time from the Regional HCC. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Region 3 Pediatric Subcommittee HCC 2. Region 1 & 2 3. Region 4 4. Region 5 HCC will be hosting a conference in the spring. Details to follow. MCI Drill in April with local event planning. 5. TEEX Pediatric Course 439: Carroll County in February 2026 with limited seating https://teex.org/class/mgt439/ 6. National Pediatric Pandemic Network – Podcasts launched @ https://pedspandemicnetwork.org/ready-prep-go/ 	Cyndy Wright Johnson RN
11:00 AM	Maryland Protocols for EMS Providers <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2025 Protocols: https://www.miemss.org/home/Portals/0/Docs/Guidelines_Protocols/MD-Medical-Protocols-2025-Hyperlinked-HR-05062025.pdf 2. 2026 New protocols for discussion: (July 2026 implementation) have been approved by Protocol Subcommittee and go to the EMS Board & SEMSAC on January 13, 2026. Formatting to follow soon. 3. New proposals may be submitted four weeks before the next PEMAC (format online - https://www.miemss.org/home/ems-providers/protocols in the right column) 	Jen Anders MD Meg Stein NRP
11:15 AM	Newly Born Education Discussion (comparison charts will be shared at PEMAC) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NRP (AAP) Course and NALS (ARC) comparison: PEMAC members were sent the NRP and NALS information brochures/ website. The core content and learning objectives appears to be similar for these two course. Delivery methods are different with AAP/AHA NRP having hybrid format. Faculty is also different with NRP taught primarily by neonatal clinical faculty from hospitals. 2. STABLE Content was also reviewed during PEMAC meeting. The 7th edition has added a hybrid 2 hour precourse “Foundations” module required prior to the in person classroom 	Scott Legore NRP Cyndy Wright Johnson RN Committee

	<p>one day program. The content and learning objectives expand beyond NRP or NALS and focus on the hours after birth for stabilization needed into extrauterine life, transport, and transfer. Neither PEPP or EPC courses cover this material, both having a 45 minute set of case scenarios focused on delivery and newly born resuscitation.</p> <p>3. Neonatal Education for Prehospital Professionals (NEPP) from AAP is designing a new 4 hour online course targeted for EMS Clinicians with a Spring Release anticipated.</p>	
<p>11:30 AM</p>	<p>Maryland Organizations & Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📁 AAP Updates www.mdaap.org: 2026 national meeting will be in San Diego with a Transport course offered. 📁 ACEP Updates - www.mdacep.org Maryland ACEP conference will be at UMMS Education Center on April 30th. 📁 ENA Updates - www.mdena.org Maryland ENA by the Bay is in planning stages, National Leadership conference will be in Dallas at the end of January. Dates for all chapter and state meetings are anticipated soon. 📁 SCHOOL HEALTH Updates: MDH shared that “stock bronchodilators” administration data has increased the availability of this important drug for children in respiratory distress by 62%. MASN Conference is March 14, 2026 on Kent Island. 📁 Maryland Center for School Safety: Summer Conference will be at Turf Valley on July 21 -23, 2026. https://schoolsafety.maryland.gov/ 📁 Critical Care Updates Conference dates for 2026 were shared with the committee. MATC (MidAtlantic) conference will be at MITAGS in Linthicum February 26 & 27, 2026. 📁 Commercial Ambulance Service Advisory Committee – update was the focused discussion above on Newly Born education. <p>Jurisdictional Affairs Committee (JAC @ MIEMSS) :no updates Please see written summary of submitted reports</p>	<p>Bruce Klein MD</p> <p>Suzanna Martin MD</p> <p>Yonnia Waggoner RN</p> <p>Laurel Moody RN</p> <p>Liz Berg RN</p> <p>Jill Dannensfelser RN</p> <p>Rick High EMT & Ryan Stacey NRP</p>
<p>11:45 AM</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Injury Prevention Sub Committee & Updates 2. EMSC: CPS & OP Healthcare Project (Maryland DOT cps@miemss.org. Susanne will have the 2026 CPST course dates soon. She is hosting a training day for hospitals that participate in the EMSC CPS projects on June 10, 2026 at MIEMSS, more details to come. 3. Safe Kids 2026 Meetings following PEMAC: Maryland SK March 4, 2026 @ 12:30 PM Maryland SK September 2, 2026 @ 12:30 PM 4. Public Fire & Life Safety Educator Seminar – March 21, 2026. Registration link - Maryland Fire and Rescue institute / University of Maryland 5. Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference – 2026 dates & details coming soon (Fall 2026) 6. Maryland Risk Watch/ MSFA –Full typed report is available 7. Partnership for Safer Maryland www.safermaryland.org 8. TraumaNET – https://www.maryland-traumanet.com/ 	<p>Cyndy Wright Johnson RN</p>

11:50 AM	Old Business: no new business was identified	Committee
11:55 AM	New Business 1. Publications: anticipate the online publication of Pediatric Readiness in ED Policy Statement and Technical Report in January and print in February. 2. Honors and Awards 3. Other new business	Committee
12:00 PM	Adjournment & Networking	Committee
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Pediatric EMS Champion Forum	
Next Meeting: March 4, 2026 @ MIEMSS 9:30 – 12:00 Noon PEMAC Business Meeting 12:30 – 3:00 PM Safe Kids Maryland Meeting		
EMSC Meetings and Education	Pediatric EMS Champion Forums Pediatric Nurse Champion Forums Pediatric Physician Champion Forums 2026 Schedule posted on the Maryland EMSC Pediatric Readiness website: https://www.miemss.org/home/EMS-for-Children/Pediatric-Readiness	
<i>PEMAC meetings are held at the MIEMSS Central Office. If you would like to participate through web base meeting, a recurring GoToMeeting link has been created except for the May annual in person meeting. In-person attendance is required at 50% meetings annually to meet the EMSC State Partnership Grant metrics.</i>		



Emergency Medical Services for Children

Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems



Maryland EMS for Children Department Update: January 2026 Update

Advocacy: Prevention Messaging for Winter:

- January Observances:**
 - o Winter Preparedness: [#WinterReady | Ready.gov](#)
- February Observances:**
 - o February 1-7 2026: National Burn Awareness Week - [National Burn Awareness Week](#)
 - o February 6, 2026: National Wear Red day - [American Heart Month 2026: History, Dates & Participation | Remitly](#)

Pediatric Education EMS and Emergency Department Professionals:

- Maryland ENA Conferences:** ENA by the Bay will be at the end of May 2026, details to follow
- 2026 Conference** planning has started. Please email topics and speaker suggestions pepp@miemss.org
 - o **STABLE** course will be the pediatric preconference @ Winterfest and Miltenberger (EMS & ED) See Flyer.

	<p>National EMSC Updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMS Assessment on Pediatric Readiness- state reports were released from EDC and shared with Pediatric EMS Champions at October meeting. Awaiting national report. Most current publication: Kothari K, Shah MI, Genovesi AL, Gausche-Hill M, Owusu-Ansah S, Hewes H, Moore B, Remick K. Development of the National Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project assessment. Acad Emerg Med. 2024 Nov;31(11):1173-1180. doi: 10.1111/acem.15012. Epub 2024 Sep 19. PMID: 39300687. 2. National Pediatric Readiness Project Assessment (NPRP 2026) will launch in March 2026 across the country. https://emscimprovement.center/news/2026-national-pediatric-readiness-project-nprp-assessment-coming-soon/ 3. ENA General Assembly adopts resolution supporting PECCs (Champion) in Every ED: https://emscimprovement.center/news/ena-adopts-resolution-supporting-pediatric-emergency-care-coordinators-peccs-in-every-ed/ 4. EMSC EDC: Public Prehospital Pediatric Quality Measures Dashboard (NEMESIS) https://nemsis.org/public-prehospital-pediatric-quality-measures-dashboard/ 5. PECARN: https://pecarn.org/publications-studies/
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pediatric Pandemic Network: https://resources.pedspandemicnetwork.org/ Online learning library - https://learn.pedspandemicnetwork.org/course/?fp2course=1 2. Pediatric Disaster Centers for Excellence have a website that will have products developed by the three ASPR funded regions. https://www.pediatricdisaster.org/
	<p>Maryland EMSC Updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SAVE the Date: February 25, 2026 Maryland EMSC is hosting a one day- in person Pediatric Ready 2026 Conference Location: MITAGS Details and registration to follow Target Audience: EMS & ED clinicians wanting to learn more about caring for children 2. FAN: Right Care When It Counts awards nominations are OPEN for 2026 (new flyers are available) https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2c1921de91fc485aa3121d9fce33f23b Due Date: February 1st annually with Star of Life Awards deadline 3. New page of EMSC Web resources: https://www.miemss.org/home/EMS-for-Children/Pediatric-Readiness
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe Kids Maryland & Risk Watch Maryland Update: Safe Sleep messaging language was featured at the Safe Kids PrevCon. More details coming in the new year from joint efforts across Maryland. CPS Healthcare Project: CPS Technician courses for 2026 will be posted @ https://cert.safekids.org/become-tech . Specific health care audience training is available - contact cps@miemss.org. CPS Education: New displays coming in 2026 designed for EMS outreach. Interested in sharing your ideas – email CPS@miemss.org.



Pediatric Readiness Program & Education Update January 2026



Pediatric Education Updates

- ❑ Announcing the first annual **MD EMSC Pediatric Ready Conference**:
 - Date & Time: **February 25, 2026 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM**
 - Location MITAGS Conference Center (Linthicum Maryland)
 - Registration open to Champions in December & all of Maryland January 7, 2026
 - *Supported by Maryland EMSC State Partnership Grant and MIEMSS EMSC*
- ❑ Pediatric Reference Cards & Posters and Pediatric Trauma and Burn Reference Cards & Posters have been distributed to through EMS and ED Nurse Champions. Additional copies are available upon request (targeted for all working in EMS & ED)
- ❑ Winterfest 2026 and Miltenberger 2026 conferences will include a **S.T.A.B.L.E.** (Sugar, Temperature, Airway, Blood pressure, Lab work, Emotional support 7th Edition) **Course** for both EMS and ED clinicians. S.T.A.B.L.E. focuses on the first few hours of care for newly born infants – post the APGAR, post resuscitation and pre-transport. Registration will be through each conference's web portal.

Pediatric EMS Champion Update

- 📺 Pediatric **EMS Champion** Ongoing Projects
 - New Champions continue to join the EMSC team with staffing changes. Onboarding will be done in January for new Champions.
 - Plan is to turn webinar into online learning module for future champions to watch as part of onboarding process
 - Winter Forum will be 1/7/2026 held virtually after PEMAC
 - Spring forum will be held on **Wednesday, April 15th 2026 at MIEMSS**. In person training, full day.

Pediatric Nurse Champion Update

- 📺 Pediatric **Nurse Champion**
 - Pediatric Facility Recognition Program monthly "Office Hours" to address questions about the application and process are schedule through March 2026
 - FAQ document from Office hours posted on webpage
 - ENPC Course scholarships for Pediatric ED Champions (or designee) are available.
 - Next forum will be **Wed, January 14, 2026 from 12:00 PM -1:30 PM – Virtually**
Featured Topic: Newly Born Transport
 - Spring forum will be held on **Thursday, April 16th 2026**. In person training, full day, location TBA.

Pediatric Physician/APP Champion Update

- 📺 Pediatric **Physician/APP Champion** Forum is a joint AAP COPEM and ACEP Pediatric committee collaboration with MD EMSC.
 - Next Forum will be Wed, **January 28, 2026 from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM (NEW Date, same time)**

Pediatric Champion forum dates for 2026 have been finalized and are attached. Calendar posting for 2026 will be included on the Maryland EMSC Pediatric Readiness webpage:

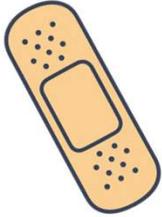
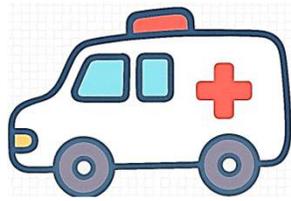
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Maryland Pediatric Facility Recognition Program is open for applications. Program Description is located on the EMSC/ Pediatric Readiness webpage: <https://www.miemss.org/home/EMS-for-Children/Pediatric-Readiness-Hospitals>

Please see EMS & Prevention Educational Conferences 2026 handout

For more information please call the Maryland EMS for Children Department at 410-706-1758

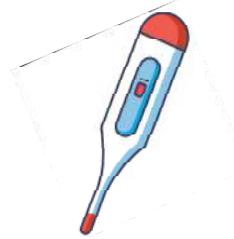
Email for Pediatric Education is pepp@miemss.org or Pediatric Readiness is pedsready@miemss.org



Save the Date



Pediatric Ready 2026: Emerging Trends and Critical Thinking in Pediatric Emergency Care



February 25, 2026 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
M.I.T.A.G.S Conference Center
Linthicum, MD

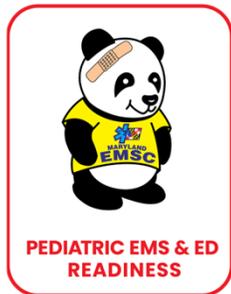


Topics include:

- When TikTok Trends Turn Toxic
- Managing Family Presence During Resuscitation
- The Accidental High: Pediatric Cannabis Poisonings
- Not Just Small Adults: Pediatric Priorities in Disaster Care
- Plus Hands-On Skills Stations*



Register Online by Friday, February 13th at
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pediatric-ready-2026-tickets-1977100344352?aff=oddtcreator>



EMS, Nursing, and Physician CE's pending.



For more information, visit
<https://www.miemss.org/home/EMS-for-Children/Pediatric-Readiness>



2026 EMSC Pre-Conferences S.T.A.B.L.E. Program

Course Overview:

When newborn infants become ill and require specialized care, each member of the healthcare team must know what to do in a timely and effective manner. S.T.A.B.L.E. is a neonatal education program focusing exclusively on the post-resuscitation/pre-transport stabilization care of sick infants. This early transitional care affects not only the infant's immediate health, but the long-term outcome as well. Education in stabilization beyond resuscitation is critical to the mission of reducing infant mortality and morbidity.

Target Audience:

This course is designed for Healthcare Clinicians who care for newly born infants in the pre-hospital environment, Emergency Department and locations other than the NICU.

What is S.T.A.B.L.E.?

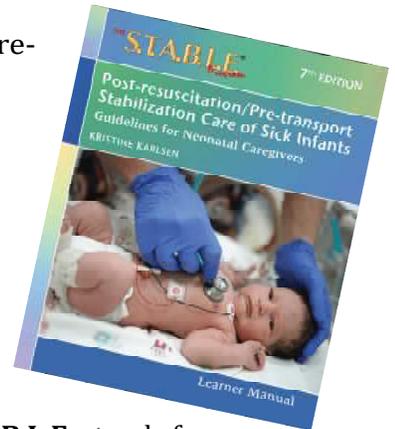
Based on a mnemonic to optimize learning, retention and recall of information, **S.T.A.B.L.E.** stands for the six assessment and care modules in the program: **S**ugar, **T**emperature, **A**irway, **B**lood pressure, **L**ab work, and **E**motional support. A 7th module, Quality Improvement, stresses communication and teamwork as well as the professional responsibility of evaluating care provided to sick infants, with the ultimate goal of improving future care.

Cost: will be set by the hosting EMS Regional Conference (Pre-Registration is required).

Course cost includes conference location with breakfast & lunch. Maryland EMSC State Partnership Grant will provide the S.T.A.B.L.E. Program Learner Manual, 7th edition, access to S.T.A.B.L.E. Foundations Module (online pre course work) and handouts.

NEW with 7th edition: Each learner needs to complete the 2-hour S.T.A.B.L.E. foundations course prior to the in-person class day. In order to attend the in-person class, you must have completed the Foundations portion 72 hours prior and bring the certificate hard copy to the course. Cost for the Foundations module also covered by MD EMSC.

**This workshop will have limited enrollment on a first come basis. REGISTER EARLY!
Registration through the Conference Hosts (see below)**



Winterfest EMS Conference 2026 Date: Friday- January 30, 2026 Time: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Location: Chesapeake College (Wye Mills Maryland) Registration Closed as of January 16th 2026	Miltenberger Trauma & EMS Conference 2026 Date: Friday- March 13, 2026 Time: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Location: Rocky Gap Conference Center (Flintstone Maryland) Registration: https://www.miltenbergerseminar.com/
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THE S.T.A.B.L.E. Program



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CPS & OP Healthcare Project
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PEMAC UPDATE – January 7, 2026
The CPS & OP Healthcare Project

- Conducted or helped to conduct three exhibits on CPS or OP: Nov 7 for the Maryland Emergency Nurses Association conference, Baltimore Highlands Elementary School on Dec 2; and Univ MD Baltimore on Dec 8.
- Trained six people/five agencies who teach new EMS clinicians or provide continuing education; Charles County EMS (Nov 3), Wor-Wic Community College (Nov 14), Washington County EMS (Dec 10), Carroll County (Dec 11) and Chesapeake College (Dec 15). Each agency received one Graco Slimfit all-in-one car seat and support materials.
- Helped at 3 seat checks or distribution events: Mt Washington Pediatric Hospital on Nov 8, MileOne Mercedes Benz in Silver Spring on Nov 22, and Oldtown Fire Dept (SK-Balt) on Dec 5.
- Senior-checked about 10 CPSTs.
- Bought and gave a “Wallenberg” adaptive car seat to Sinai’s Rubin Institute for them to loan to patients.
- Gave a “Dreamride” car bed to Kennedy Krieger Institute for a patient.
- Continued to provide car seats for families in emergency need, giving out 29 car seats to 11 different hospitals and two seat checks. Receiving agencies can be mother-baby units, EDs, NICUs, and Peds in hospitals, or Safe Kids-Maryland partners.
- Heard that two abstracts on grant projects were accepted to the April 2026 Lifesavers Traffic Safety Conference, which is a national conference, but will be held in Baltimore this year.

- ↪ The schedules for regional car seat checks for 2026 will be available in January or February. Search anytime for events online at: MDH.kiss@maryland.gov
- ↪ CPS Technician certification courses for 2026 will be released in February. Go to www.cert.safekids.org to sign up to receive alerts for the new courses.
- ↪ This grant can pay registration fees for healthcare clinicians who apply & are pre-approved.

For information, contact Susanne Ogaitis-Jones, MSPH, CHES, CPST/I
cps@miemss.org or sogaitisjones@miemss.org, Phone: 410-706-8647



2026 Maryland EMSC Pediatric Readiness Champion Forums

Save the Dates

Pediatric EMS Champions

❖ **January 7th 2026 (V)**

Wednesday 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

❖ **April 15th 2026 In-Person**

Wednesday 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

❖ **July 22nd 2026 (V)**

Joint with ED Champions

Wednesday 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

❖ **October 28th 2026 In-Person**

Wednesday 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Pediatric Nurse Champions

❖ **January 14th 2026 (V)**

Wednesday 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

❖ **April 16, 2026 In-Person**

Thursday 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

❖ **July 22nd 2026 (V)**

Joint with ED Champions

Wednesday 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

❖ **October 21st 2026 (V)**

Wednesday 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Pediatric Physician Champions

❖ **NEW: January 28th 2026 (V)**

Wednesday 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

❖ **April 29th 2026 (V)**

Wednesday 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

❖ **July 29th 2026 (V)**

Wednesday 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

❖ **September 30th 2026 (V)**

Wednesday 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM



The registration links for the Virtual (V) forums (GoTo Platform) will be sent out prior to each meeting. All dates posted: <https://miemss.org/home/EMS-for-Children/Pediatric-Readiness>

Questions for EMS – Please email pepp@miemss.org
Questions for EDs - Please email pedsready@miemss.org

