



Wisconsin Emergency Medical Services for Children program receives funding to expand pediatric emergency care coordination

Background Information:

The Wisconsin Emergency Medical Services for Children (WI EMSC) program has been awarded a supplemental grant to improve pediatric pre-hospital care. WI EMSC is one of nine states selected for funding. Awardees will participate in a multi-state learning collaborative led by the EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center to demonstrate effective, replicable strategies to increase the number of local emergency medical services (EMS) agencies with a Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC), a designated individual responsible for pediatric emergency care coordination. Results from this project will ultimately inform and advance efforts within all 58 EMSC State Partnership recipient sites to increase adoption of this improvement within local EMS agencies.

WI EMSC's goal is to recruit and establish PECCs in 70 additional Wisconsin EMS agencies by March 2019.

What is a PECC?

A PECC is a designated individual who coordinates pediatric emergency care at an EMS agency. This individual need not be dedicated solely to this role. Personnel who are already in place could assume this role as part of their existing duties. A PECC may serve at one EMS agency, or multiple agencies in a region. Some roles that a PECC might oversee at an EMS agency include:

- Ensuring the pediatric perspective is included in the development of EMS protocols
- Ensuring fellow providers follow pediatric clinical practice guidelines
- Promoting pediatric continuing education opportunities
- Overseeing pediatric process improvement
- Ensuring the availability of pediatric medications, equipment and supplies
- Promoting agency participation in pediatric prevention programs
- Promoting agency participation in pediatric research efforts
- Liaising with the emergency department pediatric emergency care coordinator
- Promoting family-centered care at the agency

How to get involved:

- WI EMSC is recruiting a short-term, part-time PECC program manager to lead this program. This contract role is expected to include 30 hours weekly between Oct. 1, 2018 and March 31, 2019.
- To be considered for this role, please review the attached vacancy listing.
- For additional information about establishing a PECC at your EMS agency, please contact Erica Kane, Wisconsin EMSC project manager, at 414-337-4572 or ekane@chw.org.

Vacancy: Short-term Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) Program Manager

General summary:

This short-term contract services role is dedicated to increasing the number of Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators (PECCs) in local EMS agencies. PECCs are designated individuals who coordinate pediatric emergency care. This is an initiative of the statewide Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program, which is a grant-funded partnership of the Federal EMSC Program administered by Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin (Alliance) in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). The Alliance is a statewide child health advocacy organization affiliated with Children's Hospital of Wisconsin (CHW). The contracted PECC program manager will work to assemble a Wisconsin PECC team, which will develop and implement a statewide action plan for increasing the number of Wisconsin EMS agencies that utilize a PECC. The PECC program manager will coordinate all activities outlined in the project work plan and facilitate all elements of collaboration among the Wisconsin PECC team. Primary responsibilities, under the guidance of EMSC advisory committee and EMSC project manager, include: assemble team of 12 individuals, coordinate Wisconsin PECC team meetings, collaborate with Wisconsin PECC team to develop state action plan, lead recruitment efforts, and provide education to local EMS agency sites regarding the purpose, need and value of having an assigned PECC within EMS agencies. Additionally, the program manager will be responsible for collecting quantitative and qualitative data on the number of EMS agencies that add PECCs and the usability, ease of adoption and impact of PECCs. This contract role is expected to include 30 hours weekly between Oct. 1, 2018 and March 31, 2019. The PECC program manager will be paid through a contract services agreement at approximately \$40.00 hourly. The PECC program manager may work remotely, or at the Alliance office in West Allis. The PECC program manager may contract directly with the Alliance or through their employer.

Essential functions:

- The PECC program manager will work to assemble a Wisconsin PECC team.
- The PECC program manager will collaborate with the Wisconsin PECC team to develop a state action plan for increasing the number of EMS agencies that have a PECC.
- The PECC program manager will fully participate in virtual learning sessions and one in-person learning session on Jan. 31 – Feb. 1, 2019 in Austin, Texas.
- The PECC program manager will lead efforts to recruit and provide education to local EMS agency sites regarding the purpose, need and value of having an assigned PECC within an EMS agency.
- The PECC program manager will develop tools and resources to assist EMS agencies that utilize a PECC.
- The PECC program manager will present status updates at EMSC advisory board meetings.
- The PECC program manager will collaborate with the Alliance data program manager to measure the success of this project.

Minimum knowledge, skills and abilities required:

- Four years of related experience in pre-hospital emergency care
- Passion for improving pediatric pre-hospital care
- Strong planning, collaborative and organizational skills
- Ability to work independently
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to travel statewide and out of state for EIIC Learning Collaborative meeting on Jan. 31 – Feb. 1, 2019 in Austin, Texas

Contact information:

- For additional information about the PECC Program Manager role, please contact Erica Kane, Wisconsin EMSC project manager, at 414-337-4572 or ekane@chw.org.
- To be considered for this role, please submit a resume and cover letter to ekane@chw.org.