Emergency Medical Services for Children
Frequently Asked Questions

What is Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)?

The EMSC Program is part of the Idaho EMS Bureau and is supported by a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Maternal and Child Health Bureau. EMSC activities aim to improve, refine, and integrate pediatric care within Idaho's EMS system by striving to achieve specific performance measures.

What does the EMSC Program do?

The Idaho EMSC Program uses federal grant funds to improve emergency medical care for children throughout the state. These funds go toward:

*the purchase and distribution of pediatric emergency medical equipment,
*supporting regional EMS conferences,
*sponsoring pediatric education, and
*other activities to support Idaho's EMS providers in their work to care for Idaho's kids.

The EMSC Program also periodically collects and reports state-specific performance measure data to HRSA in effort to study and improve emergency medical care for children nationwide.

27% of Idaho's Population is under 18 years of age.[1]

1. According to the 2010 Census (www.census.gov).

What is the relationship between EMS for Children and EMS?

EMS for Children is an essential component of Emergency Medical Services systems. To be effective and operate most efficiently, EMS for Children networks should be fully integrated into existing EMS services.

What components of the EMS system are important to EMS for Children?

The entire health care system from prevention through rehabilitation is important to EMSC. For the Idaho EMS Bureau, this translates into:

- -Collecting, analyzing, and reporting PCR data;
- -Facilitating access to pre-hospital care;
- -Approving education and training in caring for children;
- -Encouraging use of medical direction;
- -Identifying age- and size-appropriate equipment; and
- -Evaluating and improving EMS system components.

What does EMSC mean to pre-hospital providers?

EMTs at all levels of certification have an ongoing personal commitment to providing appropriate care and safe transportation. For EMTs, this includes:

- -Recording and submitting PCR data
- -Increasing public awareness of access to prehospital care;
- -Seeking education and training opportunities in caring for children;
- -Implementing protocols and/or guidelines;
- -Utilizing medical direction;
- -Carrying and using age- and size-appropriate equipment;
- -Evaluating and improving individual ability to provide appropriate care; and
- -Resources for EMS providers and instructors.

Other questions?

If you have other questions not addressed here, please feel free to contact:

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