



FAN Conference Call

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Legislative Update

Reauthorization:

In March 2010, the EMSC Program was reauthorized under P.L. 111-148, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Specifically, the law reauthorizes the EMSC Program for five years, from fiscal year 2010 to fiscal year 2014. Authorization gives a federal program authority to function for a finite amount of time and *recommends* a funding amount for the program, whereas appropriations provides the *actual* funding for a program.

Appropriations:

When fiscal year 2011 began on October 1, 2010, Congress had not completed the annual appropriations process. Federal agencies, programs, and activities cannot operate without a yearly appropriation. Since that time, Congress has passed several bills known as "Continuing Resolutions" to provide a temporary stopgap funding at the fiscal year 2010 level for most federal programs. This allows them to keep running until the final appropriations process is complete. These bills are intended to keep the government operating for short-term periods until Congress can complete the appropriations process.

Most recently, the House of Representatives approved a Continuing Resolution that provides level funding for most federal programs through the end of fiscal year 2011 (September 30, 2011). Under the measure, the EMSC Program would receive \$21.5 million for the remainder of fiscal year 2011. The Senate, however, must approve this bill before it can become law.

Technical Assistance:

Karen Belli (kbelli@cnmc.org), the NRC senior public policy specialist, is available to help family members understand the legislative process and to assist members when advocating before their local or national representative. Also available is the NRC Public Policy Guide (http://www.childrensnational.org/files/PDF/EMSC/PubRes/Public_Policy_Guide.pdf). The guide includes information on: understanding how Congress is structured, how a federal bill becomes law, and how the EMSC Program fits into the federal decision-making process. The guide also educates EMSC members on how to directly affect change, including how to communicate with elected officials.

EMSC National Resource Center Joins Social Media Bandwagon

The NRC is expanding its outreach and education efforts to include social media marketing. Programmatic updates and industry information can now be found on the following NRC social media outlets:

- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/EMSC-National-Resource-Center/154865414529633>
- Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/emscnrc>
- YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/emscnrc>

Through Facebook and Twitter, the NRC is able to post information on the latest EMSC news for providers, family members, clinicians, caregivers, educators, and national/federal organizations. The NRC's YouTube Channel showcases several podcasts on pediatric medication safety issues in the emergency setting, as well as other training and educational videos.

Be on the lookout for new and exciting developments in our social media marketing campaign, including:

FAN Video – the long-awaited FAN video, which was taped at last year's Annual Program Meeting, will be showcased in May during the State Partnership Workshop. It will also be posted to NRC's YouTube Channel in early Spring 2011.

Advocacy and Education – the NRC is in the process of developing an online video designed to educate families and providers on how to communicate with their legislative members. Once completed, FAN members will be able to view/download the video from NRC's YouTube Channel.

Online Community – this new social media site will help foster collaborations and relationship building among EMSC personnel (state partnership grantees, targeted issue grantees, FAN members, and researchers). Participants will be able to post news items, ask questions, poll other members, blog, and upload files. Stay tuned for more information.

If you would like to be on top of EMSC happenings or would like to share the information with an acquaintance, please "friend" each site (listed above) and feel free to submit or post

information, pictures, and videos about local activities and events, upcoming trainings, recently released products and resources, or presentations.

NRC Disaster Clearinghouse

The NRC is creating a disaster clearinghouse that will serve as a “one-stop shop” for emergency preparedness resources specific to the pediatric population. The NRC will be reviewing resources available from many national and federal entities, such as the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that are specific to pediatric emergency preparedness. The goal will be to classify the materials under specific targeted audiences, such as health professional resources and family and caregiver resources.

The section dedicated to families will incorporate the following subject areas:

- process of reunification of families after a disaster – if children are in school how do they get in contact with parents, is there a designated meeting place for families after a disaster etc.;
- childcare resources – what roles do child care facilities play in disaster preparedness;
- disaster planning for families – do families have an emergency kit in their home, do they have a disaster plan in place, etc.;
- disaster planning for schools – what are important aspects of disaster plans schools should incorporate;
- guardianship – legal issues with temporary caregivers;
- disasters in rural areas;
- community response – how families can assist in disaster response or with state emergency response commissions;
- children with special health care needs – how to prepare shelters for CSHCN, how to prepare EMS personnel to communicate and care for this unique population of children

For more information about the clearinghouse, contact Jessica Necheles at jnechele@cnmc.org or Ian Weston at iweston@cnmc.org.

FAN Member Involvement with Targeted Issue Grants

In addition to State Partnership grants, the EMSC Program funds competitive Targeted Issue (TI) grants. These grants are awarded to schools of medicine to find new approaches to providing the best possible emergency care for children across the nation. The TI projects usually result in the development of a new resource or demonstrate the effectiveness of a model system component or service of value.

In fiscal year 2010, the Program awarded nine new TI grants; four TI grantees received continuation funding. More details about each new and continuing TI grant can be found on the NRC website at:

<http://www.childrensnational.org/EMSC/ForGrantees/TIGranteeUpdates/>.

Listed below are the TI grants that have a special family component. The NRC will be

inviting the principal investigators of these grants to participate in future FAN conference calls. The goal is to involve FAN members and to solicit their input on TI grant endeavors.

New TI Grants for FY 2010 with a Family Component

- CONNECTICUT – Yale University. Small Victims, Big Challenges: Refining Pediatric Disaster Triage Algorithms and Education in the Prehospital Setting (Primary Investigator: Mark Cicero, MD). The goal is to develop a pediatric disaster triage curriculum for prehospital providers.
- MASSACHUSETTS – Brigham & Women’s Hospital/Harvard Medical School.* ExSTRA: Evidence-Based Screening for Siblings and Contacts of Abused Children (Primary Investigator: Daniel Lindberg, MD). The goal is to increase screening to detect abuse in children by developing a routine protocol screening that can help identify factors of abusive injuries.
- NORTH CAROLINA – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. EMS and Pediatric Trauma: A North Carolina Population-based Performance Improvement Intervention and Evaluation Using Multiple-linked Healthcare Databases (Primary Investigator: Greg Mears, MD). The goal is to help identify and describe pediatric healthcare disparities (of the NC EMS System), utilize data to evaluate, and implement web-based performance improvement and education tools.

Continuation TI Grants for FY 2010 with a Family Component

- CONNECTICUT – Connecticut Children’s Medical Center. Efficacy of Driving Simulator Training for Novice Teen Drivers (Principal Investigator: Brendan Campbell, MD, MPH). This study will see if driving stimulator training implemented in public high schools affect police reported motor-vehicle crash rates and motor-vehicle related infractions and offense for 16 and 17 years old novice drivers.
- MASSACHUSETTS – Children’s Hospital Boston Center for Biopreparedness. REUNITE: A Novel Imaging System for Children Separated During Disaster (Principal Investigator: Sarita Chung, MD). Developing a program, REUNITE, which will provide digital imaging, indexing, archiving and retrieval for pediatric survivors of a disaster and emulate images for digital reconstruction for children with facial trauma.
- WASHINGTON, DC – Children’s Research Institute at Children’s National Medical Center. Family Presence During Pediatric Trauma Team Activation: Measuring the Effects of a Multidisciplinary Approach to Patient-Family-Centered Care (Principal Investigator: Karen O’Connell, MD). Their goal is to study the affects of family presence on the timeliness and effectiveness of care during pediatric trauma evaluation resuscitation as well as measuring the attitudes and perception of family and prehospital providers.

Greater Federation of Women’s Club (GFWC)

The official partnership between the GFWC and the NRC is now outlined as a special project in the GFWC 2010-2012 Manual located at:

<http://www.gfwc.org/images/gfwc/2010-2012%20Club%20Manual-Juniors%20Special%20Project%20v4.pdf>. The GFWC is currently informing local clubs about the partnership.

The NRC would like to encourage FAN members to work with their EMSC program managers to develop the partnerships within their states. The partnership aims to build the relationship between the NRC and the GFWC, which has nearly 110,000 members across the nation and a club in every state and territory. This collaborative effort can assist EMSC programs around the nation to acquire missing pediatric equipment for their local agency. This is a voluntary activity for state EMSC programs.

FAN Newsletter

The NRC is putting together the next issue of *FAN Mail*. Any story ideas or news items to share should be submitted to Gayathri Jayawardena at gjayawar@cnmc.org no later than January 5, 2011.