The purpose of the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program is to support the expansion and improvement of emergency medical services for children who need treatment for trauma or critical care. The goal of the EMSC Program is to reduce child and youth mortality and morbidity sustained as a result of severe illness or injury. The cooperative agreement will fund an EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center (EIIC) to provide consultative and technical support to EMSC State Partnership, State Partnership Regionalization of Care, Targeted Issues, and Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network Program grant recipients, in order to help them to develop and implement Quality Improvement (QI) strategies to improve pediatric emergency medical services in both prehospital and hospital care settings. “EMS for Children” is understood broadly as a continuum of care relative to emergency medical services that includes the following components: prevention, prehospital care, hospital-based emergency care, and rehabilitation and reentry of the child from the emergency care environment into the community.

The EIIC will support the work of EMSC grant recipients to achieve this goal of optimal pediatric emergency care by:

- Identifying evidence-based, evidence-informed, and innovative strategies and tools to improve pediatric emergency medical services;
- Educating the EMSC community regarding evidence-based, evidence-informed, and innovative strategies and tools; and
- Advancing the National EMSC Performance Measures through the development and implementation of QI collaboratives.

Through the work of the EIIC, the EMSC program seeks measurable system and EMSC performance measures improvements.
LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION
One application per institution is allowed.

KEY DATES
If you are interested in this funding opportunity, please send a one-page summary of
the proposed research and your biosketch to Eric Boberg (e-boberg@northwestern.edu)
by November 9, 2015.

The sponsor application due date is January 20, 2016.

COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES
The Office of Research Development offers assistance in identifying and facilitating
collaborations, putting together interdisciplinary teams, programmatic and
administrative development of large, cross-school proposals, and leveraging institutional
resources for outreach and education. Contact Fruma Yehiely
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