The Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program works to ensure that critically ill and injured children receive optimal pediatric emergency care. The goal of the Targeted Issues Program is to support strategies to improve the quality of pediatric care delivered in emergency care settings across the continuum of emergency care through the implementation of pediatric emergency care research and innovative cross-cutting projects. Targeted Issues programs translate research into practice and improve pediatric health outcomes related to emergency care (e.g., reduced severity of asthma, decreased hospitalization for trauma). Examples of prior Targeted Issues awards are available at www.emscnrc.org/About_Us/Federal_EMSC_Program.aspx.

This program supports two categories of awards:

- A single Category I award recipient will provide leadership for and implement research in a multi-site pediatric prehospital Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Research Node Consortium (E-RNC) that includes three EMS affiliates.
- Category II projects are investigator-initiated projects that seek to improve the quality of pediatric emergency care in the prehospital and/or hospital emergency care settings through novel approaches. Category II projects should be replicable and of national significance and must: (1) address gaps in training and competency of providers through products or resources; (2) demonstrate the effectiveness of a model system component or service; or (3) improve outcomes by analyzing/implementing models and strategies.

**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 December 21, 2015.
The sponsor application due date is February 29, 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 (yehiely@northwestern.edu), Associate Vice President for Research, Director of ORD, for more information.

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