



Emergency Medical Services for Children
Innovation and Improvement Center

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The associations and organizations listed below have joined this statement of support for the initiative being led by the EMS for Children Innovation and Improvement Center titled *“Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Steering Committee.”*

We are very interested in supporting this critical initiative to help guide and plan next steps for pediatric readiness in the prehospital setting with the goal of ensuring high quality emergency care for all children. The intent of this project is to use a nationwide assessment to evaluate pediatric readiness within EMS systems, define and implement pediatric readiness improvements, and assess the impact of pediatric readiness following improvement implementation.

We believe in this collaborative process, as it has been demonstrated to be successful with the National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP) in addressing pediatric readiness within our hospital emergency departments through quality improvement programs and resource development. It is our belief that this same level of pediatric readiness should be provided to our pediatric patients in the prehospital setting, and pledge to be active, engaged participants in moving this initiative forward collaboratively.

We look forward to final products that will improve the quality of care and outcomes for children who are in need of urgent or emergency care.

We are pleased to offer our highest level of support for this initiative.

Sincerely,

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAA)
American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)
American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACS COT)
Emergency Nurses Association (ENA)
International Academies of Emergency Dispatch (IAED)
International Association of EMS Chiefs (IAEMSC)
International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)
National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE)
National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP)
National Association of EMTs (NAEMT)



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National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO)
National EMS Management Association (NEMSMA)
National Pediatric Disaster Coalition (NPDC)
National Registry of EMTs (NREMT)
National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) EMS Rescue Section