

March 20, 2012

The Honorable Dennis Rehberg  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and  
Human Services, Education,  
and Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and  
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Dear Chairman Rehberg and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As organizations that care deeply about the health and safety of our nation's children, we would like to urge you to provide \$28,940,625 for the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program at the Health Resources and Services Administration in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Labor, HHS, Education appropriations bill.

For over 25 years, the EMSC program has made landmark improvements to the emergency care delivered to our children all across the nation. As the only federal program dedicated to improving emergency care for children, EMSC has brought vital attention and resources to an otherwise neglected population. Every state has received EMSC funds, which they have used to ensure that hospitals and ambulances are properly equipped to treat pediatric emergencies, to provide pediatric training to paramedics and first responders, and to improve the systems that allow for efficient, effective pediatric emergency medical care.

We are enormously grateful that in FY 2012 the EMSC program received \$21 million. This funding has allowed the program to maintain its existing activities, improve pediatric capacity and transport of pediatric patients, and address emerging issues such as pediatric emergency care readiness. EMSC is authorized at \$28,940,625 in FY 2013. We urge you to include the fully authorized level for EMSC in FY13.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you to improve emergency medical services for children across our nation.

Sincerely,

American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Association of School Administrators  
American College of Emergency Physicians  
American College of Surgeons  
Academic Pediatric Association  
American Trauma Society  
Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs  
Child Care Aware® of America (formerly NACCRRRA)  
Children's Health Fund  
Children's Healthcare Is a Legal Duty

Emergency Nurses Association  
Family Voices  
The International Association of EMS Chiefs  
March of Dimes  
The National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health  
National Association for State EMS Officials  
Safe Kids USA  
Save the Children  
Society of Trauma Nurses