**EMS Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) Role Description:**

PURPOSE:

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) made a recommendation in 2006 for regionalized systems of care and further recommended that hospitals and EMS systems appoint qualified coordinators for pediatric emergency care. EMS agencies that have these positions tend to be more prepared to respond and care for sick and injured pediatric patients.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. May be any licensed EMS clinician on the agency staff. We recommend matching the highest permitted license level of your agency (at a minimum).
2. Has a specific interest in providing leadership to EMS clinicians to enhance pediatric emergency care delivery.
3. Maintains competency in pediatric emergency care.
4. Is committed to spending time (at least 4 hours/month) to work in the PECC role. Specific time commitment to be determined in discussion with agency leadership.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES (to be determined through discussion with agency leadership):

1. Promote adequate skill and knowledge of EMS clinical staff in the emergency care and resuscitation of infants and children.
2. Serve as a resource for EMS staff when questions arise related to pediatric care.
3. Establish educational programs / training for clinical staff.
4. Create or assist with pediatric quality improvement and/or patient improvement initiatives.
5. Focus on pediatric patient safety.
6. Review and if needed, improve equipment, supplies and medications related to pediatric care.
7. Establish pediatric injury and illness prevention initiatives.
8. Work collaboratively with the agency medical director to improve pediatric care.
9. With the agency leadership, serve as liaison to appropriate pediatric care committees and other providers of pediatric care in the community.
10. Interact collaboratively with local hospital physicians, Pas, NPs, nursing staff and other personnel to enhance pediatric care.
11. Create or improve pediatric disaster preparedness.
12. Be the point person to communicate with the Maine EMS for Children program.