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Maine EMS Board Members

I am writing to request approval of funding in three different expenditures for support of an EMS conference. On November 5th through 7th, 2026, MaineHealth is sponsoring a statewide EMS conference at MaineHealth Corporate Center, 110 Free Street, Portland, with a broad variety of lectures and practical skills sessions. The Maine EMS-C program would like to support the pediatric portion of this conference. The funding would be entirely from the federal HRSA EMSC State Partnership grant #6 H33MC31622-09-01. The EMSC budget has HRSA approved budgeting for statewide conferences. Within the past 18 months, the EMSC program was able to support conferences in Rockport (Maine AAP), Bar Harbor (Downeast Fire & EMS Conference), Orono (Patient Safety Academy), and Portland (AACN Horizons Nursing Conference). Our support of these, and this conference, continue to fund important educational opportunities for clinicians of all levels throughout Maine. This was also a Board approved expenditure in 2025 and resulted in a very successful conference and education.

The request is to approve 3 different expenditures

1. Support an in-person NRP course for up to \$4,000
2. Support an in-person BLSO course for up to \$4,000
3. Reduce costs for all attendees to attend the conference in person for up to a total of \$10,000.

Costs for #1 would be billed by the Maine AAP (an approved State of Maine vendor). Costs for #2 and #3 would be billed by MaineHealth (an approved State of Maine vendor).

A summary of the expenditures is

1. Expenditure #1: This expense is to fund an in-person Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP). This course has recently been updated and will include current changes and topics.
 - a. Course registration administrative costs
 - b. Student registrations and textbooks from AAP
 - c. 3 instructors
 - d. Mileage for instructors at 0.54/mile

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- e. Misc equipment for the course
 - f. It is possible that an instructor may need lodging depending upon where they are coming from and this would follow state per diem rates if so.
2. **Expenditure #2:** Cover the expense of a Basic Life Support in Obstetrics (BLSO) course. The current BLSO courses are funded through DHHS and other sources for up to 12 classes annually. This expenditure would allow an additional course to be delivered and not limit the remaining statewide course offerings. This is anticipated to be approximately \$4,000 (equates to \$200/student for an 8-hour course).
- a. 1 instructor would be donating their time (the state OB nurse educator) leaving 3 instructors to pay
 - b. Course registration to AAFP (one fee) \$105.95
 - c. 18 student registrations to AAFP at \$76.75 each for a total of \$1,381.50
 - d. 3 instructors at approx. \$500 each for a total of \$1,500
 - e. Mileage for instructors at 0.54/mile
 - f. Misc equipment for approximately \$500
 - g. It is possible that an instructor may need lodging depending upon where they are coming from and this would follow state per diem rates if so.
3. **Expenditure #2:** Support EMS clinicians attending by offering a reduction in cost for conference registration for attending in-person.
- a. The registration fee for the MaineHealth EMS in-person conference over the two days is currently \$200.00
 - b. Maine EMS does not have the resources to conduct this level of conference, and it allows Maine EMSC to help as an excellent way to support pediatric education
 - c. The conference attendance is a maximum of 200 people. We propose funding the conference to reduce the cost of attending by providing funding of \$10,000

If approved, this will follow current state contractual processes.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in approving these expenditures.

Sincerely,



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