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Maine EMS Board Members

I am writing to request approval of \$10,712.25 for renewal of the Maine EMS for Children virtual reality program. This is a program we have had for several years and is the only EMS pediatric education model using scenarios and treatments vetted through the American Academy of Pediatrics. The funding source is the federal EMSC State Partnership Grant, #6H33MC31622-08-01, and has been approved by HRSA within our budget.

Our vendor, Health Scholars, has been excellent with support and updates for the platform and hardware. The platform allows for the use of two AAP designed and vetted programs:

- *Pediatric Emergency Assessment*, which utilizes the Pediatric Assessment Triangle for assessment of pediatric patients under 2 years of age and is applicable to all levels of Maine EMS clinical licensure and EMS students.
- *Pediatric Emergency Care*, which is similar to PALS megacode scenarios. This is aimed at paramedics, nurses, advanced practice providers, and physicians and incorporates managing a team, and directing team members in delivering medications, advanced airway procedures, and electrical therapy. In addition to managing the team, the user also must perform 12-lead EKG interpretations and use of length-based tapes.

While we still need a champion to promote continued usage of the 5 headsets, our hope is that training centers, educators, training officers, and regional EMS managers may find this to be a useful tool in improving pediatric care and obtaining CEH.

There is no charge for anyone in Maine to use these devices.

Sincerely,

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