



Prehospital Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC)



What's a PECC and Why Do All EMS Agencies Need One?

In Illinois, each EMS agency that responds to 911 calls, will need to designate an individual(s) as their pediatric emergency care coordinator (PECC) to assist in ensuring that each ambulance service and their EMT personnel are prepared to care for ill and injured children. Ideally, the EMS coordinator at each agency will serve in this role, or the EMS coordinator may delegate this role to an EMS provider at their agency with pediatric interest/expertise/background. This role may also be shared. For example, below are examples as to how the role can be served.

- An individual designated for a single EMS agency.
- An individual designated for multiple EMS agencies.
- An individual designated by the EMS system for multiple EMS agencies (i.e., EMS system coordinator).

PECC Role

Below are activities that the PECC role can address:

- Serve as a resource on pediatric appropriate equipment/supplies/medications.
- Promote and share pediatric continuing education opportunities.
- Ensure periodic assessments on correct use of pediatric equipment via hands-on skill assessments/simulations.
- Assist in pediatric quality/process improvement initiatives.
- Promote agency participation in pediatric prevention/safety outreach.
- Encourage agency participation in pediatric research, including, but not limited to, data collection as requested by EMS for Children.
- Communicate with emergency department pediatric quality coordinator and/or EMS coordinator as needed related to pediatric patient care issues.
- Promote and encourage family-centered care by all agency personnel.

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