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Presents
EMSC Opportunities for Enhancing Pediatric Emergency Care Webinar Series



***“Evaluating Systems of Pediatric Care in Remote and Frontier Alaska -
Defining Essential Next Steps for Improvement”***

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More than 31 million children and adolescents access the emergency care system every year. Unfortunately, pediatric resources to provide optimal care for children are not always readily available where children live, play, and attend school. This is especially true in Alaska. Alaska is two and a half times larger than Texas. The 2010 Census for the state estimated a total population of 71,023 with children, under the age of 18 years, accounting for 26.4% of this number. With 75% of Alaskan communities not connected by roads to a hospital, travel is often expensive necessitating creative alternatives to assure access to essential pediatric services when an emergency occurs. Julie Rabeau, RN, EMSC State Partnership Regionalization of Care (SPROC) grantee, and Matthew Hirschfeld MD, PhD, medical director, Maternal Child Health Services at Alaska Native Medical Center, will discuss challenges encountered in providing emergency care to children in frontier and remote areas of Alaska. A quality improvement initiative implemented through the SPROC grant focused on evaluating the continuum of care and identifying opportunities for improving the care of severely injured children will also be highlighted. Innovative approaches to improving aeromedical resource availability, as well as educational opportunities will also be shared.

Target Audience: The content for this webinar is appropriate for EMSC program managers, emergency department (ED) physicians and nurses, hospital administrators, ED directors, state health department and hospital regulators, trauma program coordinators and managers, EMS providers, health care planners, and others interested in improving access to pediatric specialty services in territorial, rural, frontier, and other regions where such care may be limited.

Objectives: As a result of having participated in this webinar, attendees will be able to:

1. List 3 specific challenges encountered in providing emergency care to children in Alaska.
2. Discuss the role and importance of an organized process for evaluating the quality and efficiency of systems of pediatric emergency/trauma care in frontier and remote areas.
3. Identify essential system improvement components to increase provider capacity to provide appropriate emergency care for children.

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