

The EMSC component of an EMS plan submitted to the EMS Authority shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) EMSC program goals and objectives.

Goal 1: Encourage Receiving Hospitals to seek designation as a pediatric center.

Objective: establish one more PedRc in 2020

Goal 2: Expand community training to reduce pediatric injury.

Objective: Get more involvement from schools and local pediatric centers to assist with training.

Goal 3: Continued designated pediatric center data compliance.

Objective: Continue to QI Pediatric core measure. Get more involvement in quarterly QI meeting from pediatric centers on cases and potential problems within the county.

(2) The names and titles of the local EMS agency personnel who have a role in the planning, implementation, and management of an EMSC program.

Jeff Fariss, EMS Manager
George Baker, Senior EMS Coordinator
Andrew Mattas, EMSC Coordinator

(3) Injury and illness prevention planning that includes coordination, education, and data collection.

Coordination:

All PedRCs shall participate in the Program's Pediatric Advisory Committee.

Education:

Kern County EMS has several training programs targeted for the community to reduce injury and death in pediatric patients.

- Water Watchers to help reduce drowning deaths
- Stop the Bleed for trauma related deaths

As defined in policy 4004.00 all pediatric receiving facilities must participate in training:

- "Every PedRC within the County shall be aligned with at least one (1) Comprehensive PedRC for the purposes of outreach and education. Where geography precludes designation of a Comprehensive PedRC

within the County, the PedRC may align with a Comprehensive PedRC within the State of California.”

- “All PedRCs shall be an approved pre-hospital continuing education provider and provide training and education relating to pediatrics for EMS personnel and MICNs. Continuing education programs shall be conducted in compliance with Program.”
- “All PedRCs shall participate in community education activities relating to pediatric illness and injury prevention efforts”

Data:

All PedRC’s must submitted the agencies required data. This is defined in policy 4004.00 appendix A.

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(4)(A) Policies for care and services rendered to pre-hospital EMS pediatric patients:

1. First response non-transport.
2. Transport.
3. Interfacility Transfer.
4. Critical Care.

Found in Kern EMS Policies 5000, 6000, 7000, 10000 and hospital transfer agreements (available upon request)

(B) This shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Pediatric-specific personnel training.

All Paramedics are currently required to maintain a PALS certification. All paramedics will receive Handtevy training at the 2020 Paramedic update.

2. Pediatric ambulance equipment.

See policy 9001.00 Provider Mandatory inventory List

(5) A quality improvement plan containing process-outcome measures as referenced in section 100450.224 of this Chapter.

See policy 1002.00 and 4004.00

- (6) A list of facilities providing pediatric critical care and pediatric trauma services.

See Kern County policy 4001.00

- (7) List of designated hospitals with agreements to participate in the EMSC system of care.

See Kern County policy 4001.00
(Agreements available upon request)

- (8) A list of facilities providing pediatric physical rehabilitation resources.

See Kern County policies 4001.00, 4004.00, and transfer agreements
(available upon request)

- (9) Copies of the local EMS agency's EMSC pediatric patient destination policies.

See policy 4001.00

- (10) A description of the method of field communication to the receiving hospital specific to the EMSC patient.

All PedRcs are base hospitals and have open communication with field crews for guidance on EMSC care.

See base hospital contracts (available upon request)

- (11) A description of the method of data collection from the EMS providers and designated EMSC hospitals to the local EMS agency and the EMS Authority.

Kern County EMS program receives the required Data from all PedRCs in the form of an excel spread sheet. Kern County EMS holds monthly Pediatric QI meetings, attendance is required by all PedRCs. Kern County EMS pulls 30% of the pediatric PCR's for weekly review. All core measures and pediatric care is analyzed and reported appropriately.

- (12) A policy or description of how the local EMS agency integrates a PedRC in a neighboring jurisdiction.

See Kern County transfer and mutual aid agreements (available upon request)

(13) Pediatric surge planning.

See policies 2001.00, 3003.00, 4001.00

All kern county policies can be found at <https://kernpublichealth.com/ems-policies/>