



North Dakota EMS for Children Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator Prehospital Provider Information

What is a PECC?

A Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator is an EMS provider designated within your organization who ensures that its providers are prepared to care for ill and injured children. Having a PECC is the single most important step for enhancing pediatric care in your service. A PECC is an essential part to having your service be considered Pediatric Ready. Ideally every agency will have one or more PECCs but multiple agencies may share the same PECC.

Purpose:

The intent of designating and developing the role of a PECC is to ensure that there is a dedicated individual(s) identified at the local EMS agency that represents pediatric interest and performs the roles listed below. An agency does not have to have a single person performing the functions of a PECC. The responsibilities can be fulfilled by two or more people, such as the medical director, EMS chief, training officer, or other prehospital professional. Additionally, there could be a region wide individual(s) that performs the responsibilities as a PECC for EMS agencies within a region.

Benefits of having a PECC as part of your agency:

Having a registered PECC ensures that your service is providing the best pediatric care to your patients. A PECC assists your agency in maintaining best practices for peds patients and helps to make sure everyone at your service knows how to use pediatric equipment. All these things together mean that children in North Dakota are getting the best emergency care they can. As an added benefit to bettering outcomes of pediatric patients, agencies with a registered PECC are first in line for education opportunities, training, and free equipment.

Responsibilities:

- Ensuring compliance with pediatric clinical practice guidelines and/or protocols
- Promoting pediatric continuing education opportunities
- Overseeing pediatric process improvement initiatives
- Ensuring the availability of pediatric medications, equipment, and supplies
- Promoting participation in pediatric prevention programs
- Coordinating with other agencies and ED's in your area to promote pediatric care
- Promoting family-centered care
- Promoting agency and hospital participation in pediatric research efforts such as filling out the yearly EMSC survey sent out by the EDC
- Conducting case review and feedback on pediatric calls/patients
- Identifying best practices/evidence-based medicine specific to pediatrics