

EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. How does this Funding Opportunity Announcement differ from those in the past?

This is a new and open competition moving to the next phase of consultation and support for EMSC grantees and is based on previous work of the EMSC National Resource Center. The focus is on Quality Improvement (QI).

2. Where can I find a copy of previous Funding Opportunity Announcements for this grant program?

There have been no previous FOAs for an EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center. In the past, the EMSC Program released FOAs for a National Resource Center (NRC); the most recent was HRSA-12-150, which may be found through a google search. Visit <http://www.google.com> and enter "HRSA-12-150" in the search field.

3. On the SF424 Form, it appears that applicants need to upload Additional Congressional District and Additional Performance Site documents. Can you explain what this means further and where do we find this information?

Here is a link to the instructions and guidance for completing the SF424 <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/form-instructions/sf-424-instructions.html>. According to the instructions, if all congressional districts in a state are affected, enter "all" for the district number, e.g., MD-all for all congressional districts in Maryland. If nationwide, i.e. all districts within all states are affected, enter US-all. If the program/project is outside the US, enter 00-000. This optional data element is intended for use only by programs for which the area(s) affected are likely to be different than place(s) of performance reported on the SF-424 Project/Performance Site Location(s) Form. It is not required that the applicant attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts, unless needed.

4. Is there a transition plan from the current NRC Center to this new Center?

Yes, HRSA will work with the EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center cooperative agreement recipient to discuss roles, responsibilities, expectations, and related transition of project activities.

- 5. My understanding is that the National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center, which is funded by the EMSC Program, currently collects data; will the EIIC also be expected to collect data?**

Yes, the EIIC will be collecting real-time QI data. The National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center (NEDARC) currently provides the support system to assist grantees with data collection and analysis of EMSC performance measures and the National Pediatric Readiness data. The EIIC will use the results collected by NEDARC as a knowledge base to help inform baseline and to then organize and create Quality Improvement (QI) collaboratives to develop and test strategies to make meaningful improvements. The EIIC QI activities may involve data collection that informs whether the QI initiative was effective and is a process, method, or strategy that may be used to further improve the quality of care for children.

- 6. What is the difference between the EIIC and the National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center?**

NEDARC handles data and analysis (explained further in item number 6) and EIIC will be responsible for QI collaboratives and all other activities stipulated in the FOA.

- 7. Does the EIIC need to be based in DC?**

No.

- 8. Would current recipients of HRSA grants be prohibited from receiving a new award because they are already receiving HRSA funds even if they scored the highest during the peer review?**

No. The HRSA EMSC program may award up to 3 NEW grant awards per state per fiscal year.

- 9. Am I eligible to apply as a start-up company?** Awards under the EMSC grant program are limited to state governments and accredited schools of medicine.

- 10. On page 16, under the travel section, applicants have been asked to budget for several activities, to include regional collaboration with state partnership, State partnership regionalization of care, and Targeted Issues grantees in fiscal year 2017 and 2019. How many meetings in each year does the Program expect to have?**

Four regional meetings. Applicants should budget for costs associated with the regional meetings to be held in the western, mid-western, southern, and northeast U.S. regions. The EMSC Program has nine EMSC regions. A few EMSC regions will be combined and organized with another to form four meetings in four sites in 2017 and 2019.

- 11. Will the technical assistance webinar be recorded?**

Yes. The November 5th technical assistance webinar and all related FAQs will be posted on HRSA' site at <http://www.HRSA.gov/grants>.

12. I have some questions about how to complete the grant application?

Visit the Grants.gov site for resources, tutorials, FAQs and more. As a first step, we encourage applicants to view the Tools and Tips at <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/applicant-tools-and-tips.html>