



Colorado Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators (COPECC)

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*Prehospital Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator
Role Description*

ABOUT

EMS agencies should use this Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) role description to identify and develop the most appropriate individual(s) for the role.

PECC MODELS

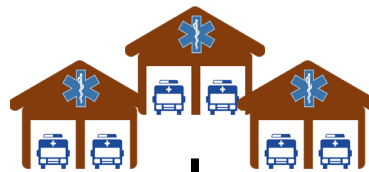
The following are acceptable models for EMS agencies wanting to implement the PECC role:



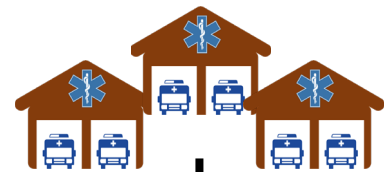
One agency has one individual serving as the PECC



One agency has a team of individuals who collectively assume PECC responsibilities



Multiple agencies in the same region share the same individual for their PECC



Multiple agencies share a team of individuals who collectively assume PECC responsibilities

PECC QUALIFICATIONS

The main requirement for someone serving in the PECC role is simply having some passion around improving pediatric emergency care. While having some “expertise” in pediatric care is always great, it is not a requirement for this role. The COPECC program recommends the following qualifications for PECCs:

1. May be any level EMS provider, RN, or PA/NP/DO/MD
2. Has a specific interest in enhancing delivery of pediatric emergency care
3. Maintains competency in pediatric emergency care (e.g., PALS, PEPP, PEARS, etc.)
4. Is committed to spending time on PECC responsibilities

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PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The activities taken on by a prehospital PECC are ultimately up to the individual(s) in that role. However, for those wanting more guidance, the COPECC program recommends that, at a minimum, prehospital PECCs assume the responsibilities listed below.

MINIMUM PECC RESPONSIBILITIES

| Responsibility | Optional Resources |
|---|---|
| Ensure agency profile, including the PECC field and PECC contact info, is included and up to date in the state Emergency Medical and Trauma Services branch (EMTS) database | Instructions and access to EMTS organizational profiles |
| Promote pediatric-specific continuing education at your agency | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EMSC calendar and library• Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children and Children's Hospital/EMSC Mobile Sim Labs |
| Ensure the availability of pediatric-specific equipment and supplies, using the national consensus recommendations and the state minimum equipment list for guidance | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National consensus guidelines on recommended equipment for ambulances• State minimum equipment list |
| Educate fellow EMS providers on family-centered care | NAEMT and EMSC's tips for family-centered prehospital care |
| Conduct or assist with pediatric quality or process improvement initiatives | National EMS Quality Alliance pediatric performance measures: weigh in kilograms , administration of beta agonist for pediatric asthma , and pediatric respiratory assessment |

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Below are additional responsibilities that PECCs can take on to improve their agency's pediatric readiness. PECCs who are already assuming the responsibilities in the table above may consider expanding their role to include some or all of the responsibilities listed below.

ADDITIONAL PECC RESPONSIBILITIES

| Responsibility | Resources / Examples |
|---|--|
| Work with medical director and/or operations leader to ensure pediatric perspective is included in patient care guidelines and protocols | National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines |
| Verify, with assistance from the training division, that EMS providers are competent in using the pediatric-specific equipment and supplies | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pediatric specific procedure videos• Find a PALS or PEARS course• Find a PEPP course |
| Identify additional quality and/or performance measures for quality or process improvement initiatives | QI/PI resources in the EICC's prehospital pediatric readiness toolkit |
| Periodically review pediatric call data to identify most common calls and inform training needs | For assistance pulling pediatric data, submit an EMTS data request |
| Promote agency participation in pediatric prevention programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CDPHE's injury prevention resources• NAEMT's illness and injury prevention resources• Child Safety Network resources |



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All PECCs, and any other EMS providers interested in pediatric readiness, are encouraged to sign up for the COPECC mailing list to receive important program updates and announcements. To sign up, go to:

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Or email the EMS for Children program manager at emsc.colorado@cuanschutz.edu



Continue to check the EMS for Children calendar and the COPECC site for educational content and resources to assist with pediatric readiness.

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Additional resources for PECCs and their agencies can be found on the EMS for Children Innovation and Improvement Center (EIIIC) website:

<https://emscimprovement.center/domains/prehospital-care/prehospital-pediatric-readiness/pprp-toolkit/>

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