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Vicki Hildreth

West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources
Office of Emergency medical Services
EMS for Children
350 Capitol Street, Room 425
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Ms. Hildreth,

On behalf of the West Virginia Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council I offer this letter of support for Fiscal Year 2018 funding of the EMS for Children State Partnership Grant. WVEMSAC is dedicated to the work performed by the EMSC program in West Virginia and looks forward to a continued relationship in building the West Virginia EMS system.

The care of infants and children is often overlooked by EMS providers due to the low volume of EMS responses to these patients. Unfortunately this leads to diminished skill sets when treating this population. Your program has been instrumental in maintaining that EMS skill set throughout West Virginia. Your program is also instrumental in preparing for the influx of infants and children suffering from Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome as well as other issues that accompany children in homes with substance abuse issues.

The West Virginia EMS for Children program is an essential element in the progress and continuity of our EMS system as well as acute care facilities and other agencies involved in the care of our children. I am happy to support your program and happily support the funding of this grant. Please feel to contact me at any time if you require further information.

Respectfully,

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Chairman

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