

be used to: (a) Address problems identified in the course of a previous EMSC grant; (b) increase the involvement of families in EMSC; (c) improve linkages between local, regional, or State agencies; (d) promulgate standards developed for one region of the State under previous funding to include the entire State; or (e) assure effective triage of the child in physical or emotional crisis to appropriate facilities and/or other resources. II. To provide supplemental funds to approximately existing 8 EMSC State Partnership Demonstration grantees for Regional Symposium (EMSCS) round-table meetings that are convened for the explicit purpose of knowledge synthesis and dissemination. The primary goal of the EMSC program's knowledge synthesis and dissemination activities is to improve the quality of care to children. In collaboration with schools of medicine, regional consortia of State EMS programs will meet annually to develop and evaluate improved procedures and protocols for children. Meetings will involve coordinating, exchanging, and demonstrating innovative activities of common interest to participating States, while facilitating a forum for knowledge transfer on EMSC related issues between individual care providers and care providing organizations.

III. Funding is available for approximately 7 EMSC Targeted Issue Demonstration Grants (EMSCIT) that are intended to address specific, focused issues related to the development of EMSC knowledge and capacity, with the intent of advancing the state-of-the-art tools, and creating tools or knowledge that will be helpful to the field. Proposals must have well-conceived methodology for analysis and evaluation.

Eligibility: For State Partnerships and Regional Symposiums, the eligible applicant is the State EMS Agency, unless the State specifically requests and designates another State entity or an accredited school of medicine. For targeted Issues, the eligible applicants are State governments, and accredited schools of medicine (Targeted Issue applicants from accredited schools of medicine do not need to be endorsed by the State EMS Office.)

Review Criteria: Final review criteria are included in the application kit.

Estimated Amount of This Competition: \$2,755,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 24.

Estimated Project Period: 1 or 3 years.

HRSA-04-006 Emergency Medical Services for Children Demonstration Grant Program (EMSC)

Application Availability Date:

September 2, 2003.

Letter of Intent Deadline: October 3, 2003.

Application Deadline: October 31, 2003.

Projected Award Date: March 1, 2004.

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HRSA-04-064 Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Program—State Grants

CFDA: 93.234.

Legislative Authority: Public Health Service Act, Title XII, Section 1252, 42 U.S.C. 300d-52.

Purpose: The purpose of the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) program is to improve access, availability, appropriateness and acceptability of health and other services for individuals with traumatic brain injury (TBI) and their families. State TBI systems should be culturally competent and services should be person and family directed. States applying under this announcement must address the four Core Capacity Components of a TBI service system: a lead Designated State Agency and State staff person responsible for State TBI activities, a Statewide TBI Advisory Board, a Statewide Resource/Needs Assessment, and a Statewide Action Plan that is a comprehensive, community-based system of care that addresses the need of individuals with TBI and their families. For FY 2004, three categories of State TBI funding opportunities are offered: I. Funding for up to 7 State TBI Planning (TBIP) Grant awards is available to assist States and Territories to develop the infrastructure needed to implement a TBI program. States applying under this category MUST submit a plan for developing the Four Core Capacity Components. These components DO NOT have to be in place at the time of application. II. Funding for approximately 7 State TBI Implementation (TBII) Grants is available to help States move toward a Statewide system that will assure access to comprehensive and coordinated services for individuals with TBI and their families. III. Funding for approximately 2 State TBI Post Demonstration (TBIPD) Grants to address issues that will encompass specific State capacity building initiatives to contribute to sustainable

change in the system of community services and supports that reflect the best practices in the field of TBI.

Cost Sharing: Secretary may make a grant under such subsection only if the State agrees to make available non-Federal contributions toward such costs in an amount that is not less than \$1 for each \$2 of Federal funds provided under the grant.

Eligibility: For all TBI State grants, State governments are the only eligible applicants for funding under the Federal TBI Program. Applicants for State TBI Post-Demonstration Grants may only come from the State agency designated as the Lead Agency for TBI services within the State.

Review Criteria: Final review criteria are included in the application kit.

Estimated Amount of This

Competition: \$2,125,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 16.

Estimated Project Period: 1, 2, or 3 years.

HRSA-04-064 Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) State Grant Program

Application Availability Date:

September 8, 2003.

Letter of Intent Deadline: September 18, 2003.

Application Deadline: November 17, 2003.

Projected Award Date: April 1, 2004.

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HRSA-04-065 Poison Control Centers Stabilization and Enhancement Grant Program, Financial Stabilization Grants (PCCFS)

CFDA: 93.253.

Legislative Authority: The Poison Control Center Enhancement and Awareness Act, Section 6(a) of Public Law 106-174.

Purpose: The purpose of the Poison Control Program is to stabilize and improve poison control centers (PCCs) and promote a comprehensive system for the delivery of high quality poison control services nationwide.

For FY 2004, two categories of PCC stabilization and enhancement grant opportunities are offered:

I. Funds are available to be awarded to existing, certified PCCs or poison control systems, and

II. Funds are available to be awarded to non-certified or newly established PCCs to obtain certification from the American Association of Poison Control Centers or a State with equivalent standards, as determined by the Secretary.