



Guidelines for the Distribution of South Carolina EMS for Children Challenge Coins

“Tiny Hearts, Big Heroes Challenge Coin Award”

This award recognizes emergency medical providers who performed exceptional, life-saving care for a pediatric patient.

Eligibility

- Nominees must be an EMS provider, paramedic, EMT, nurse, physician, or first responder.
- Event must have occurred within the past 12 months.
- Nominees must have been directly involved in patient care or clinical decision-making.

Criteria for Consideration

1. Life-Saving Interventions
 - a. Airway management
 - b. Resuscitation
 - c. Hemorrhage control
 - d. Recognition of deterioration
2. Clinical Excellence Under Pressure
 - a. Sound and quick decision making in high stress environments
 - b. Use of advanced skills, protocols, or critical thinking beyond routine circumstances
3. Advocacy for the Child
 - a. Acting in the best interest of the patient despite obstacles
 - b. Speaking up, escalating care
4. Compassionate, Family-Centered Care
 - a. Providing emotional support and reassurance to the child and caregivers

Nomination Submission Requirements

1. Nominee Info
 - a. Name
 - b. Role
 - c. Agency/Organization
2. Nominator Info
 - a. Name
 - b. Contact details



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3. Incident Summary
 - a. Date
 - b. Location
 - c. Type of emergency
4. Detailed Narrative
 - a. Describe emergency
 - b. Actions nominee took
 - c. Why actions taken were exceptional
 - d. Patient outcome (if known and appropriate to share)
5. Any supporting documentation (not required)
 - a. De-identified PCRs
 - b. Letters of support or witness statements

Submit Nominations Here:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/MstggyV0fv>

Selection Process

Nominations will be reviewed by the EMS for Children Advisory Committee. Evaluations will be based on impact, clinical excellence, and compassion for pediatric patients.

Honoring those who turn moments of crisis into moments of hope for our smallest patients.

