An Act relating to public health and safety; providing short title; providing for recognition of the Emergency Medical Services for Children Resource Center as part of the state’s overall emergency medical services contract under certain conditions; stating purposes of the Center; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-2515, which relates to Emergency Medical Services (EMS); modifying the start date for certain providers; creating an ambulance service provider lien; making lien inferior to certain liens; requiring notice of lien and specifying contents and procedures; determining jurisdiction for enforcement of lien; limiting time to bring action on lien; requiring certain action to conform with certain rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW

A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-706.10 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Emergency Medical Services for Children Resource Center Act”.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW

A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-706.11 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Emergency Medical Services for Children Resource Center, operated within the Department of Pediatrics through its Section of General Pediatrics and within the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, shall be recognized by the State Department of Health as a resource to the state’s overall emergency medical services system, thus ensuring that children have access to quality pediatric emergency medical services, including, but not limited to, prehospital and hospital care.

B. As funds are available, the State Department of Health may contract with the Center for the implementation of this act.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW

A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-706.12 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
A. The purposes of the Emergency Medical Services for Children Resource Center shall be to:

1. Maximize pediatric emergency care in Oklahoma through expert leadership, education, research, and advocacy;
2. Develop guidelines for approval of emergency medical service facilities as Emergency Departments Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) and for rating the ability of a facility to provide pediatric emergency medical services;
3. Develop guidelines for equipment and its use for prehospital and hospital pediatric emergency care;
4. Develop guidelines and protocols for prehospital and hospital facilities which encompass all levels of pediatric emergency medical services, including, but not limited to, stabilization, treatment, transfers, and referrals;
5. Provide initial and continuing professional education programs and guidelines on pediatric emergency medical care for emergency medical services personnel and other health care providers;
6. Conduct public education concerning pediatric emergency medical services including, but not limited to, prevention and access to pediatric emergency services;
7. Collect and analyze existing data from prehospital and hospital emergency medical systems related to pediatric emergency and critical care for the purpose of quality improvement;
8. Consult with and advise public and private organizations, including the Emergency Medical Services Division and the Trauma Systems Development Section of the Injury Prevention Service within the State Department of Health, the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office, law enforcement, fire service, ambulance services, educational institutions, professional organizations, business organizations, hospital organizations, and any other federally funded projects in pediatric emergency and critical medical services;
9. Provide other services and activities deemed necessary to maximize pediatric emergency medical care in the State of Oklahoma; and
10. Solicit and accept funds from the federal government and other public and private sources.

B. Equipment, protocols, and educational guidelines developed pursuant to paragraphs 3, 4, and 5 of subsection A of this section shall be submitted to the State Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council prior to action by the State Department of Health.