

TO: All Connecticut EMS Agencies submitting electronic data  
FROM: State of Connecticut Department of Public Health/Office of Emergency Medical Services  
DATE: February 9, 2016  
SUBJECTS: Submission of ePCR data and Transition to NEMSIS version 3

Happy New Year. The Department of Public Health/OEMS is working with the EMS Advisory Board's Quality Improvement Data Committee (QIDC) as we prepare to upgrade our ePCR data to the National EMS Information Systems (NEMSIS) standard, version 3.4.0.

Many of the ePCR software products currently used by Connecticut EMS providers are already compliant with NEMSIS version 3 standards. According to staff at the NEMSIS Technical Assistance Center (TAC), if your software is not yet compliant, your software vendor should be bringing a tested and ready EMS product to the NEMSIS TAC for review and compliance testing very soon. The NEMSIS TAC does not debug code, but if the software is really ready for review, that process can take as little as two to six weeks to complete. To check if your software vendor is compliant with NEMSIS 3 and for which version, please reference the online status at <http://nemsis.org/v3/compliantSoftware.html>.

Please see the **NEMSIS V3 Compliance Process.pdf** and other NEMSIS v3 resources available online at <http://nemsis.org/v3/resources.html>. Additional questions about the compliance process can be sent to **Karen Jacobson (Karen.Jacobson@hsc.utah.edu)** or **Jorge Rojas (Jorge.Rojas@hsc.utah.edu)**.

Current electronic data submissions :

1. Please submit each month's data by the end of the following month. There are gaps in submissions for 2015 which we need your help to resolve.
2. "Test files" for the current version 2.2.1 data submissions will not be reviewed at DPH. Providers must work with their vendors on submission of data files that meet version 2 NEMSIS gold standard.

Important target dates for transition that you need to work with:

**September 30, 2016:** Each EMS Service Chief should communicate with their ePCR vendor to assure that their software is compliant by this date with the most current version of the NEMSIS Standard: Version 3.4.0.

**January 1, 2017:** Required transmission of NEMSIS 3.4.0 data.

Version 3 data structures are NOT backward-compatible with version 2.

Thank you for what you do every day to be the first line of emergency medical care for Connecticut residents and visitors.



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