



## Prehospital Patient Care Reporting FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Q 1: When do ambulance services need to comply with the new ePCR reporting requirements?**

You are required to report ePCR data to the Oregon EMS Information System (OR-EMSIS) by January 1, 2019.

### **Q 2: What if we cannot report our data by the deadline?**

A waiver application will be made available by OHA-EMS in the Fall of 2018. Ambulance services can complete the form and request a waiver. Under most circumstances where an ambulance service documents barriers to reporting, a waiver request will be approved.

### **Q 3: Will the waiver process for electronic patient care reporting end?**

A waiver for electronic patient care reporting and the waiver process will no longer be available to services as of December 31, 2021.

### **Q 4: Are there any resources available to assist our agency with reporting ePCR data?**

Yes. The Oregon Health Authority will work with ambulance services to document needs for technical assistance, administrative support and financial support. The OHA will work with ambulance services to develop a workplan that includes resources necessary to allow agency service to become compliant with statute.

**Q 5: If a service only provides occasional transports or rendezvous does statute require ePCR reporting?** Yes. Every licensed EMS service must report ePCR data in every instance where patient contact is initiated, including rendezvous calls.

### **Q 6: May a non-licensed ambulance service report ePCR data?**

Yes. A non-licensed ambulance service may report ePCR data to OR-EMSIS. However, a non-licensed EMS service must comply with all the same rules as the licensed ambulance service [reference OAR 333-250-0310(2).]

### **Q 7: How do I report data to OR-EMSIS?**

You must use ePCR software that is certified compliant with the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS) version 3 data standard. NEMSIS 3 ePCR systems have the ability to automatically transfer data to the state system. The state also provides an ePCR system free of charge that agencies may use directly.

### **Q 8: I'm still using paper, what do I do?**

Switch to ePCR software by either purchasing a NEMSIS 3 compliant system or using the system provided by Oregon and Contact Nathan Jarrett at (971) 673-0527 or via email at [nathan.jarrett@state.or.us](mailto:nathan.jarrett@state.or.us) to get information on how to begin using the OREMSIS system.

**Q 9: Is my vendor supported?**

The best way to find out, is to contact your vendor directly and ask them, are you NEMESIS V3 compliant?

**Q 10: Where can I get information on supported vendors?**

Refer to the list of products in the “Compliant Software for EMS Agencies” section of this page of the NEMESIS web site: <https://nemsis.org/technical-resources/version-3/v3-compliant-software-and-compliance-testing-status/> or contact vendors directly.

**Q 11: How do I access outcome data?**

The state has been putting mechanisms in place for hospital outcome data to be attached to patient care reports in the state system. Please contact the Oregon Health Authority for a guidance document on retrieving hospital outcome data.