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TO: EMS System Coordinators, EMS System Medical Directors, Illinois EMS Provider Agencies, IDPH EMS Division Personnel

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RE: NEMSIS Version 3.5 Transition Timeline

Per the Emergency Medical Services Systems Act (210 ILCS 50) and supporting administrative code (77 IAC § 515.350), all Illinois-licensed EMS vehicle transport providers are required to complete and transmit an electronic patient care run report for every inter-hospital transport and pre-hospital emergency call. Run report data must conform to the current version of the Illinois NEMSIS dataset (77 IAC § 515.APPENDIX E).

Illinois is in the process of transitioning from Version 3.4 to Version 3.5 of the NEMSIS national standard for prehospital data. Here are the steps completed to date, in order:

- Draft Illinois V3.5 dataset compiled.
- Dataset made available for review and discussion by EMS System Coordinators, EMS System Medical Directors, and the Data Subcommittee of the Illinois EMS Advisory Council.
- Draft Illinois V3.5 ruleset compiled.
- Ruleset made available for review and discussion by EMS System Coordinators, EMS System Medical Directors, and the Data Subcommittee of the Illinois EMS Advisory Council.
- Final dataset and ruleset sent to the State's prehospital database software vendor in preparation for the V3.5 build.

Here is the timeline for the remaining steps in the transition process:

- 12/9/2022 – Estimated completion of V3.5 build by software vendor.
- 12/19/2022 – V3.5 “go-live” date. This is the first date on which V3.5 data will be accepted by the State. EMS providers should not convert to V3.5 before the go-live date and hold on to the data until that date. V3.5 run reports with a Unit Notified by Dispatch date earlier than 12/19/22 will be considered non-compliant and will not be accepted.
- 12/18/2023 – V3.4 sunset date. This is the last date on which V3.4 data will be accepted by the State. V3.4 run reports with a Unit Notified by Dispatch date later than 12/18/23 will be considered non-compliant and will not be accepted.

Please feel free to direct questions about this transition process to the program manager, Dan Lee (daniel.lee@illinois.gov), or me. Thank you for your attention.