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Submission of Patient Care Records (PCRs) to the Texas Trauma Registry

Starting January 1st 2017, all licensed EMS Providers in Texas are to be collecting and submitting NEMSIS (Version 3) data to the Texas EMS & Trauma Registries, per Texas Administrative Code §157.11. This data is extremely important for many reasons including patient care, documentation of care given, quality of care, and research and funding opportunities based on historical response data.

Several EMS providers are submitting, or plan to submit, NEMSIS (Version 3) data to the Texas EMS & Trauma Registries via XML uploads and should continue to do so.

Regarding data submission via web services, although there has been much progress in the development and the maturation of the web services component required to submit data to the Texas EMS & Trauma Registries, the Texas Trauma Registry is currently unable to receive NEMSIS (Version 3) data via web services.

The Department of State Health Services Office of EMS/Trauma Service Coordination is asking EMS Providers who intend to submit data via web services to continue to collect and hold PCR data in NEMSIS (Version 3) until additional instruction/guidance is provided.

Thank you for understanding and for your patience as we move the Texas EMS Emergency Health Care system forward.