



## IMPORTANT NOTICE: May 19, 2010

### **SC First Responder Electronic EMS Data Submission Deadline - December 31, 2010**

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South Carolina EMS regulations require all licensed non-transporting First Responders to participate in the SC EMS Data System by December 31, 2010. **“Participation”** is defined by the use of an electronic patient care record reporting system, configured to collect all of the SC EMS Data Elements, and actively submitting data into the SC EMS Data System. Data collection and submission can be accomplished either through the use of the free PreMIS web-based application or through the use of a NEMSIS Gold Compliant commercial software application.

In anticipation of the year-end deadline and the accelerated efforts of SC First Responders to meet the December 31, 2010 deadline, the following information is being provided:

- All First Responders who are not currently submitting data into the SC EMS Data System and plan to use commercial EMS software must submit a test file to the EMSPIC for evaluation and approval prior to data submission. **Successful software installation, testing, and implementation typically takes 60 to 90 days to complete.**
- Any First Responder using a commercial EMS software, but has not successfully completed the testing process (*approved to submit data into the SC EMS Data System*) by the December 31, 2010 deadline, must use the PreMIS web-application until the test file process is successfully completed.
- All First Responders planning to use the PreMIS web-application either permanently or temporarily (*until the commercial EMS software is installed and functioning*) should not wait until December 31, 2010 to begin data submission. First Responders **should start using the PreMIS web application no later than December 15, 2010** to assure all staff are trained and capable of completing a patient care report for each EMS event by the December 31, 2010 deadline.
- For First Responders attempting to complete the test file process using commercial EMS software, it is important to understand the following file testing timeline: **Completion of the test file process typically requires three to four test file submissions.** If your agency plans to implement commercial EMS software and has NOT submitted a **successful** test file by close of business on **December 15, 2010**, there is no guarantee these files can be reviewed to address the December 31, 2010 deadline. Any SC First Responders, which have not submitted a test file by December 1st, should plan on using the PreMIS Web Application through the month of January and begin entering patient care reports on December 15th, 2010.
- Any SC First Responder not successfully submitting data into the SC EMS Data System by December 31, 2010 will be in violation of SC EMS regulations and subject to potential SC DHEC regulatory action.

**If you have questions or need technical assistance in meeting this requirement, please contact the following:**

For all SC EMS Regulatory Questions or SC EMS Data System Enrollment, please contact:

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For specific questions regarding electronic file testing, call EMSPIC Technical Support at 1-866-773-6477 and ask for a member of the NEMSIS Testing Team, or forward your question to [nemsistesting@emspic.org](mailto:nemsistesting@emspic.org).

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