



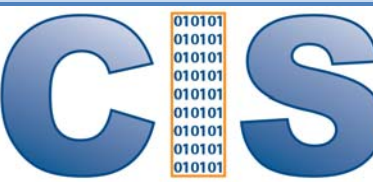
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SC EMS Agencies Important Information—Please Review Carefully

We would like to thank you for the willingness to participate in the SC EMS Data system.

As we are rounding the final turn in The Duke Endowment funded *Implementation of the SC EMS Data System*, please review these important deadlines. It is important to communicate these final deadlines to the SC EMS Community.

If you are a South Carolina EMS agency that will be using third party software, please read the following:

To assure South Carolina EMS agencies can successfully submit data to the SC EMS Data System by the December 31, 2009 deadline, each EMS Agency must have their software locally installed and provide a sample NEMSIS based XML file to the EMSPIC by October 1, 2009. This includes those EMS Agencies which have not yet upgraded to a NEMSIS Gold Compliant version of software from a version which is NOT NEMSIS Gold Compliant. This deadline is based on our experience in working through the 6 to 12 week process of correcting file format and coding errors with the several EMS Agencies and software products.

If the EMSPIC has not received at a minimum of a sample file from each local install of your product by October 1, 2009, we cannot assure successful data submission for the EMS Agency. This may result in SC DHEC requiring the EMS Agency to use the PreMIS web application until all file errors have been corrected and data is successfully being submitted.

Through this process, the EMSPIC is standing by to receive and analyze sample files from any EMS Agency. Please do not hesitate to contact Matt Gawthrop (mgawthrop@emspic.org) or Jeff Robertson (jrobertson@emspic.org) for assistance.

Thank you, and please call for assistance (866)773-6477.