

Congratulations SC Data System Participants!

The SC EMS Data System continues to move along at a very impressive and steady rate! We appreciate the participation and enthusiasm you have shown by taking a lead role in this initiative. **At this time, we are requesting for each of the initial participating EMS agencies to submit Sample NEMESIS - XML Data Files to the EMS Performance Improvement Center.** Several agencies have already begun to submit sample data, and we thank you for this quick response!

How can we send our Sample Data Files?

Please contact Jeff Robertson (jrobertson@emspic.org) for instructions on sending sample XML data files for testing. Jeff is our Database Administrator at the EMSPIC, and will be able to establish a secure method to transmit these files. Please let us know if you have any questions concerning this process, and we will be happy to provide assistance.

The EMSPIC and SC DHEC are also pleased to announce the South Carolina EMS Data System website, located at www.scemsdata.org. Please take a moment to explore the substantial amount of information that is provided. In addition, be sure to bookmark this site and visit it frequently. The site will continue to expand with content as the SC EMS Data System moves ahead.

In addition to the website, the following updates should provide you with a forecast of advancement for the SC EMS Data System:

During the month of June:

- The Credentialing Information System (CIS) is currently undergoing modification to be functional for South Carolina's EMS rules, regulations, and EMS Agencies.
- Any EMS Agency may send sample data to the EMSPIC to begin testing for data submission. The sample file testing will continue until all errors are corrected – which would prevent the EMS Agency data from being processed into the PreMIS application. (Part of the SC EMS Data System)
- Remaining information or configuration of the EMS Agencies within CIS will be completed. This includes all licensed/permitted/credentialed EMS vehicles and personnel.
- After all of South Carolina's EMS personnel have been entered in CIS, the EMSPIC will contact each EMS Agencies to obtain a current EMS personnel roster.

In the coming months:

- Data submission from the EMS Agencies can begin after July 1, 2008. EMS records beginning January 1, 2008 will be accepted. By sending data for the entire 2008 calendar year, better information can be provided through the PreMIS reports and the EMS Toolkits.

- PreMIS reports will be validated using the SC EMS Agencies data. Once validated, the reports will be available for SC EMS Agency use.
- EMS Toolkits will be available for use in August or September.

Looking forward to the 2008 South Carolina EMS Leadership Conference!

The EMS Performance Improvement Center and SC DHEC - Division of EMS and Trauma will host another gathering of the SC EMS Data System Participants on Thursday, September 18th. This meeting will occur, on location, during the first day of this year's [SC EMS Leadership Conference](#) in Charleston, SC. Details concerning this meeting will be forthcoming, as the event specifics develop. Your attendance will be incredibly appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. Your greatly respected involvement continues to mold and support the SC EMS Data System!

Thanks again!

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