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RE: OC-MEDS – NEMSIS V3.5 TRANSITION UPDATE

As described in OCEMS Letter [#4522](#) “OC-MEDS – NEMSIS v3.5 Transition Plan”, Orange County EMS (OCEMS) has completed all initial system level transition activities and will begin engagement with EMS Provider Agencies and Base Hospitals to facilitate agency level transition to NEMSIS v3.5.

The following resources are now available to view on the [OCEMS website](#):

- OCEMS Policy 300.31 - OC-MEDS Data Dictionary (NEMSIS v3.5 Compliant) - REDLINE DRAFT (Updated 03/31/2023)
- OCEMS Policy 300.31 - OC-MEDS Data Dictionary List - DRAFT (Updated 03/31/2023)
- OC-MEDS v3.5 Transition Technical Summary / Change Log (Updated 03/30/2023)

Within the next few days, OCEMS will contact each EMS Provider Agency with additional information and instructions for next steps.

- EMS Provider Agencies who use the OC-MEDS Elite Patient Care Reporting System (PCRS) will be given access to view and test the NEMSIS v3.5 Compliant Orange County Elite Field ePCR Run Form.
- EMS Providers who use a third party PCRS will be given instructions for verifying their v3.5 compliant software for integration with OC-MEDS.

It is important to note that while full transition to a NEMSIS v3.5 PCRS must be complete no later than December 18th, 2023, the California EMS Authority is [encouraging all systems](#) to complete the transition by October 1, 2023.

Any comments or questions regarding the updated Data Dictionary, Run Forms, or Integrations may be submitted by using the [Comment / Question Form](#) online or scan the QR code below.



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