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TO: EMS PROVIDER AGENCIES
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FR: LAURENT REPASS 
EMS INFORMATION & ANALYTICS CHIEF

RE: OC-MEDS – NEMSIS V3.5 TRANSITION UPDATE #3

As described in Orange County EMS (OCEMS) Letters [#4522](#) and [#4580](#), all activities necessary to prepare for transition to NEMSIS v3.5 at the administrative / system level have been completed. The most current DRAFT of the OC-MEDS Data Dictionary and all applicable resource documents are available on our [website](#). We will continue to accept [comments](#) regarding the Data Dictionary through June 30, 2023.

As [required by the California EMS Authority](#), all EMS Providers must be prepared to transition to NEMSIS v3.5 by October 1, 2023. Full transition must be complete **no later than December 18th, 2023**.

Per OCEMS [Policy 300.30](#), EMS Providers may use the OC-MEDS Elite Patient Care Reporting System (PCRS) or a Third-Party PCRS. Depending on the PCRS used, the checklist below will assist EMS Providers with the high-level steps necessary to be successful by the deadline.

OC-MEDS Elite PCRS	Third-Party PCRS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ By June 30, 2023: Review the Data Dictionary and 3.5 Run Form and submit any comments. ○ By July 31, 2023: Complete agency level configuration (if you are managing your own run forms) and engage field pilot testing. ○ By August 31, 2023: Complete agency level configuration of integrations (CAD, Billing, etc.). ○ By September 30, 2023: Complete agencywide training in preparation for October 1 “go-live”. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Immediately submit an OC-MEDS Application. ○ By June 30, 2023: Review the Data Dictionary and submit any comments. ○ By July 31, 2023: Complete PCRS configuration and data submission testing. ○ By August 31, 2023: Complete agency level configurations, and Mock Drill Testing. ○ By September 30, 2023: Complete agencywide training in preparation for October 1 “go-live”.

Questions may be directed to the OC-MEDS Administrator at oc-meds@ochca.com.

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